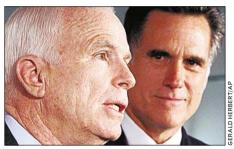
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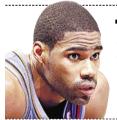
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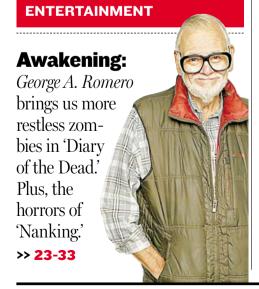
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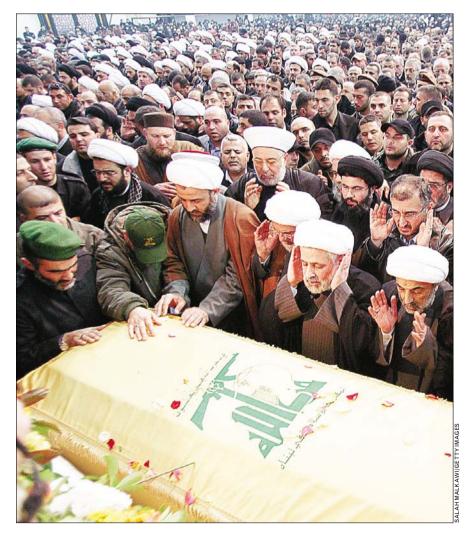
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Hezbollah Leader Issues Threats

OUTRAGE: Hezbollah members pray at the coffin of assassinated commander Imad Mughniyeh, one of the world's most notorious terrorists, during his funeral near Beiruit, Lebanon, on Thursday. Hezbollah's leader vowed to retaliate against Israeli interests around the world over the bombing that killed Mughniyeh, which the group blames on Israel. • 'Open war': Threat has Israel on alert | Page 9

Missile To Hit Spy Satellite

Navy will try to intercept satellite set to crash to Earth

WASHINGTON | President Bush has ordered the Pentagon to use a Navy missile to attempt to destroy a broken U.S. spy satellite — and thereby minimize the risk to humans from its toxic fuel — by intercepting it just before it reenters the atmosphere, officials said Thursday.

The effort — the first of its kind — will be undertaken because of the potential that people in the area where the satellite would otherwise crash could be harmed, the officials said.

Gen. James Cartwright, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the "window of opportunity" for such a shootdown will open in the next three or four days and last for seven or eight days.

He said a Navy missile known as Standard Missile 3 would be fired in an attempt to intercept the satellite just prior to it re-entering Earth's atmosphere. It would be "next to impossible" to hit the satellite after that because of atmospheric disturbances, Cartwright said.

Shooting down a satellite is particularly sensitive because of the controversy surrounding China's anti-satellite test last year, when Beijing shot down one of its defunct weather satellites, drawing immediate criticism from the U.S. and other countries. (AP)

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'Bring Your Son to Work Day' Backfires Badly at Station

People calling a Bridgeport, Mich., state police post got an unexpected pitch for phone sex.

Calls to the Bridgeport post's main number were

met Wednesday morning with a recorded message saying, "Indulge yourself with the most exciting conversation imaginable." That was followed by a telephone number for a phone sex line, the Saginaw (Mich.) News reported. The phones were working properly by mid-morning, Sgt. Alan Renz said. The mixup was an "internal issue that has nothing to do with the phone company" and an investigation is under way, he told the newspaper. (AP)

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The message on the postcard to "Miss Margaret McDonald" was short. Its path to the intended address was much longer. Nearly 79 years after it was sent, a postcard of Yellowstone National Park's Tower Falls arrived in a

Boston mailbox recently with the simple message "Greetings." The recipient was long gone, and the sender was not identified by name. Michael Cioffi was shocked to find the card dated June 1929 in his mailbox. He says the McDonald family did own his house for generations, but he doesn't think there is anyone left to pass the postcard on to. (AP)



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Love Wastes Paper

It's cute in theory: Every year, some mysterious person or group of people plaster downtown Montpelier, Vt., with paper hearts. Until you think of all the trees that died for someone to play a prank, albeit a beloved one. Also, all those Hallmark cards? Trees died for those, too. (EXPRESS)

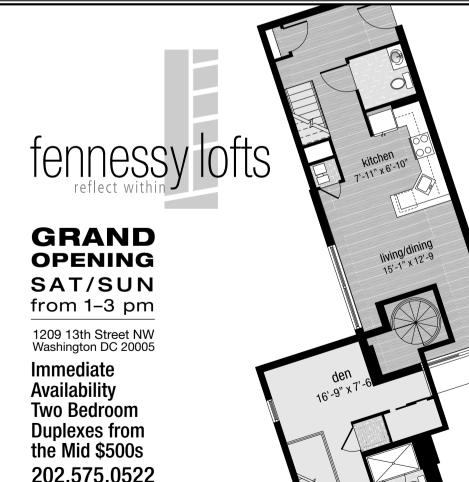
OBITUARIES

'He Is Survived by a Toothbrush, Shaving Cream. Some Boxers'

If the love affair is dead, why not give it a proper send-off? A new Web site offers the lovelorn a way to bury memo-

ries of an old love affair — by writing an obituary. Relationshipobit.com is the brainchild of Kathleen Horan, a reporter for WNYC public radio in New York. When she wrote her own relationship obit, "it made it feel real, so I could finally cremate the thing and move on," she said. She said the response to the site

was much bigger than she expected. Horan says she has no idea where her "reverse social networking" Web site might lead her, but for now she views it as a social experience. "Time heals," she says, "but you want to know what the heck other people" do to mend their hearts. (AP)



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BURGER BRIDES: Three couples got the Valentine's Day wedding they craved on Thursday, marrying at a White Castle in Columbus, Ohio. A flower girl at the ceremony threw salt and pepper packets instead of rice, and employee name tags were placed on the grooms' lapels.

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In Brief



Tests found toxic levels of formaldehyde fumes in FEMA trailers, above.

NEW ORLEANS

FEMA to Move Hurricane Victims From Toxic Trailers

After downplaying the risks for months, the Federal Emergency Management Agency said Thursday it will rush to move Gulf Coast hurricane victims out of roughly 35,000 government-issued trailers because tests found dangerous levels of formaldehyde fumes. FEMAAdministrator R. David Paulison said the agency hopes to get everyone out and into hotels, motels, apartments and other temporary housing by the summer. (AP)

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

Clinton Named Winner In Tight New Mexico Caucus

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton finally won the popular vote in New Mexico's Democratic caucus and picked up one extra delegate Thursday, nine days after Super Tuesday voting ended. State Democratic Chairman Brian Colon made the announcement after a hand count of 17,000 provisional ballots. (AP)

Gunman Attacks N. Illinois Campus

Shooter wounds at least 18 people before taking his own life

DEKALB, ILL. | A man dressed in black opened fire with a shotgun and two handguns from a stage of a lecture hall at Northern Illinois University on Thursday, injuring as many as 18 people, four critically, before he killed himself, the school's president said.

Witnesses in the geology class said "someone dressed in black

It was almost like [the gunman] knew who he

wanted to shoot."

EDWARD ROBINSON, STUDENT

came out from behind a screen in front of the classroom and opened fire with a shotgun," according to school President John Peters. Peters said he couldn't confirm any fatalities other than the gunman.

University Police Chief Donald Grady said the gunman was not a student at the school.

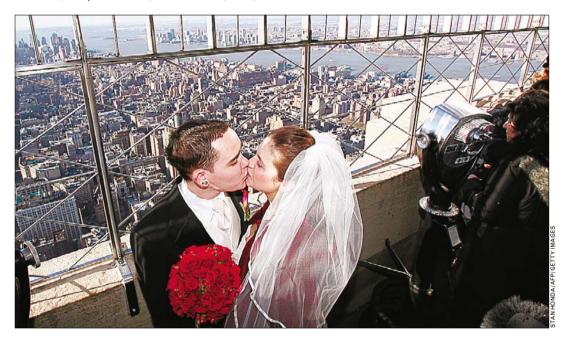
The university had issued a statement on its Web site about an hour after the 3 p.m. shooting that "the immediate danger has passed. The gunman is no longer a threat."

Witnesses said the young man carried a shotgun and a pistol. Student Edward Robinson told WLS that the gunman appeared to target students in one part of the lecture hall.

"It was almost like he knew who he wanted to shoot," Robinson said. "He knew who and where he wanted to be firing at."

Jillian Martinez, a freshman from Carpentersville, told the Chicago Tribune she was in the auditorium when the gunman entered the room. "He just started shooting at all the kids," she said. "He just started shooting at people, and I ran out of there as fast as I could." (AP)

NEW YORK | MATRIMONY IN THE SKIES



LOVE THE BACKDROP: Whitney Edwards and Tim Randall kiss on the 86th Floor Observatory of the Empire State Building after a Valentine's Day wedding on Thursday. Thirteen couples exchanged vows in the annual wedding event.

Study: Obesity May Increase Risk of Cancer

HEALTH | Being obese or even overweight may increase a person's risk of developing up to a dozen different types of cancer, European researchers report in a new study.

Doctors have long suspected a link between weight gain and certain cancers, including colon and breast cancers. But the new study, published Friday in the journal Lancet, suggests it could also increase chances for cancer of the esophagus, thyroid, kidney, uterus and gall bladder, among others.

While the study suggests a link, there is no definitive proof that being fat in itself causes cancer. Experts often recommend losing weight to reduce cancer risk. (AP)

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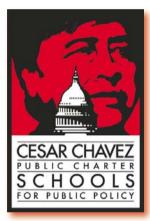
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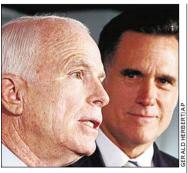
Romney Endorses McCain

Former candidate's 280 delegates may swing to Ariz. senator

BOSTON | Republican campaign dropout Mitt Romney endorsed John McCain for the party's presidential nomination and asked his national convention delegates to swing behind the likely nominee.

"Even when the contest was close and our disagreements were debated, the caliber of the man was apparent," the former Massachusetts governor said, standing alongside his one-time rival at his now-defunct campaign's headquarters. "This is a man capable of leading our country at a dangerous hour."

"Primaries are tough," said McCain, referring to their earlier



John McCain flew to Boston on Thursday to accept Mitt Romney's backing.

rancor. "We know it was a hard campaign, and now we move forward; we move forward together for the good of our party and the nation."

McCain effectively sealed the nomination last week when Romney withdrew from the race; only former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and libertarian-leaning Texas Rep. Ron Paul remain. But neither has a chance to catch McCain in the convention delegate hunt.

In early primaries and caucuses, Romney collected 280 delegates. The number is enough to move McCain close to the total of 1,191 needed to clinch the nomination a full nine months before the November general election.

Huckabee was not ready to now out.

"Right now there's a great big 'me, too' crowd coming together [for McCain]," Huckabee said in LaCrosse, Wis. "There's a lot of folks, sort of, in the establishment of the party that is not now wanting to be left out." He added, "I'm just not willing to be part of the coronation yet." LIZ SIDOTI (AP)

WASHINGTON | CAPITOL PROTEST



CONTEMPT VOTE: House Republicans gather on the east steps of the Capitol after boycotting a contempt vote on Thursday. The House voted to hold two former aides of President Bush — Josh Bolten and Harriet Miers — in contempt for failing to cooperate with an inquiry into a purge of federal prosecutors. Republicans protested that Democrats should instead be working on a law allowing the government to eavesdrop on suspected terror activity in the U.S.

CDC Reports 'Choking Game' Deaths

ATLANTA | At least 82 youths have died from the so-called "choking game," according to the first government count of fatalities from the tragic fad.

In the game, children use dog leashes or bungee cords wrapped

around their necks or other means to temporarily cut blood flow to their head. The goal is a dreamlike, floating-in-space feeling when blood rushes back into the brain.

As many as 20 percent of teens and preteens play the game, some-

times in groups, according to estimates based on a few local studies. But nearly all the deaths were youths who played alone, according to the count compiled by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The 82 deaths were spread across 31 states, the CDC found. (AP)

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Clinton Takes Populist Tone to Ohio

Senator says she will rein in corporations if she's elected president

LORDSTOWN, OHIO | Democratic Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton proposed restrictions on a wide array of industries Thursday and

stepped up her assault on rival Sen. Barack Obama, casting him as the candidate more beholden to corporations.

In a speech to General Motors workers and executives, Clinton appeared to be channeling former rival John Edwards' populist anticorporate message.

"For seven long years, we've had a government of, by and for the special interests, and we've had enough," Clinton said. "It's time



Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., holds a pair of autographed boxing gloves of world champion boxer Kelly "The Ghost" Pavlik during a speech in Lordstown, Ohio.

It's time to level the playing field against the special interests."

SEN HILLARY CLINTON

to level the playing field against the special interests and deliver 21st-century solutions to rebuild the middle class."

She said she would rein in oil, insurance, credit card, student loan and Wall Street investment companies and generate \$55 billion per year that would be used for middle-class tax cuts, create jobs and pay for an array of domestic programs.

Waving a pair of boxing gloves,

Clinton was in a combative mood.

"We need a champion and a fighter in the White House," she declared. The gloves were in honor of middleweight boxing champion Kelly Pavlik of Youngstown, Ohio.

Clinton went after Obama, tying him to nuclear interests and blaming him for doing little to stave off job losses in Illinois.

"My opponent says that he'll take on the special interests," she said. "Well, he told people he stood up to the nuclear industry and passed a bill against them. But he actually let the nuclear industry water down his bill."

Clinton was referring to Exelon Corp., a Chicago-based energy giant and nuclear plant operator.

"Barack Obama doesn't need any lectures on special interests from the candidate who's taken more money from Washington lobbyists than any Republican running for President," Obama spokesman Bill Burton responded. JIM KUHNHENN (AP)

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Cheryl Harness talks about her children's books on George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

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Savethe Planet PROTEST Against THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL

Protest 9am-9pm February 15 to February 23, 2008 against the DISCOVERY CHANNEL in Silver Spring, MD at the corner of Georgia and Wayne Ave in front of their building.

The Discovery Channel produces many so-called "Environmental Programs" supposedly there to save the planet. But the truth is things are getting WORSE! Their programs are causing more harm than good. They are failures. If something is not functioning; there needs to be a change of course. It's time to bring about new initiatives and try different approaches whether they are conventional or unconventional. It is evident that the old approach is ineffective. We can see this when we watch the news or read the newspapers that their ways are not working. It's one disaster after another. They are deliberately showing ineffective shows to make it seem like something is being done when nothing is. Their ineffectiveness is evident by the lack of results. Things should be getting better because of their shows, not worse.

We are running out of time to save this planet and the Discovery Channel is a big part of the problem, not the solution. Instead of showing successful solutions, their broadcast programs seem to be doing the opposite. Shows like "Cash Cab" and "Dirty Jobs" serve as diversions to keep the focus off what is really important, which is Global Warming and Animal Extinction. Why do they broadcast a show like "Future Weapons" that only promise to destroy the planet even more? And their new lineup "Planet Green" is all about more products and other substandard solutions. Do we really need shows like these when the planet is in crisis? No, instead the focus should be on coming up with new formulas that actually work. Why would the broadcasters and programmers focus more on the destruction of the planet rather than saving it?

The reason television shows like these are maintained is due to lack of response. We as a society allowed them to continue; only we the people can *demand* change from them. If the networks are not doing their job, society should find new ways *for* them. Join us in this protest that will be taking place at One Discovery Place, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, just a short walking distance away from Silver Spring Red Line Metro Station. Please come and make your voice be heard around the world saying you want solutions sought today and you want it broadcast on television continually.

The debate about the state of the planet is done. Global Warming is a reality. The massive extinction of animals is happening all over the world. Now let us begin the debate on how to save the planet. We can't wait anymore, something must be done immediately! Let's act on it right away; let this be a new chapter in the earth's history. As human beings we must join together to save it.



My name is Lee. Look for me on site. I will be demonstrating ideas on how to save the planet in front of the Discovery Channel Building each day until they give in. The idea to save the planet is based on the book "My Ishmael" by Daniel Quinn, where he suggests people can build on each other's ideas to find solutions for saving the remaining species and living sustainably. The Discovery Channel, the networks, and the government don't care about planet-saving ideas that actually work. I say that they must give other ideas a chance. Join us in the protest to save the planet. So please, bring yourself, and maybe a sign with your own slogan with saving the planet as a theme, and some friends.

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Kenyan Rivals Sign New Deal

Key political leaders reportedly agree to revise constitution

NAIROBI, KENYA | Rival factions in Kenya's political crisis reportedly agreed Thursday to write a new constitution, a move that could allow for power-sharing as part of a deal aimed at ending weeks of violence in this East African country.

The announcement of an agreement came as President Bush said he was sending Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to Kenya to demand an immediate halt to bloodshed that has killed more than 1,000 people since the disputed Dec. 27 presidential election.

A spokesman for former U.N. chief Kofi Annan, who has been mediating in closed talks between the government and opposition, announced the parties signed off on a deal Thursday but offered no details. Annan scheduled a Friday news conference, and the talks were recessed until Monday.

A few hours later, government negotiator Mutula Kilonzo said part of the deal was to revise Kenya's constitution within a year.

MALKHADIR M. MUHUMED (AP)

GERMANY | DRINK UP



BEAR NECESSITY: Polar bear cub Flocke is bottle-fed by keeper Stefanie Krueger at the Nuremberg zoo on Thursday.



 $Mourners\ carry\ the\ coffin\ of\ slain\ Hezbollah\ leader\ Imad\ Mughniyeh\ during\ his\ funeral\ in\ Beirut,\ Lebanon,\ on\ Thursday.$

Hezbollah Vows Revenge

Group leader pledges to wage war on Israel anywhere in the world

BEIRUT, LEBANON | Hezbollah's leader vowed Thursday to retaliate against Israeli interests anywhere in the world for the assassination of one of the militant group's most notorious operatives, warning of a war without boundaries in a eulogy delivered to throngs of fist-waving mourners.

Israel ordered its military and embassies overseas on high alert and recommended Jewish institutions worldwide do the same, fearing revenge attacks for the car bomb that killed Imad Mughniyeh, one of the world's most-wanted terrorists, in Damascus on Tuesday.

And in Washington, the FBI put



Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah speaks on Manar TV on Thursday.

its domestic terror squads on alert for any threats against synagogues or Jewish centers in the U.S.

The fiery speech by Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah, delivered via video to throngs of thousands at Mughniyeh's funeral, signaled that the Iranian-backed Shiite group was ending a yearslong policy of battling Israel only on Israeli or Lebanese territory, raising the specter of attacks in Western or other countries.

Hezbollah and its Iranian backers blamed Israel for killing Mughniyeh, but Israel denied involvement. Nasrallah accused Israel of taking the fight beyond Israel and Lebanon.

"You have crossed the borders," said Nasrallah, himself in hiding because of fears of assassination since the 2006 war between Israel and Hezbollah. "With this murder, its timing, location and method — Zionists, if you want this kind of open war, let the whole world listen: Let this war be open."

Earlier Thursday, tens of thousands of Hezbollah's pro-Western opponents filled a Beirut square to mark the anniversary of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri's 2005 assassination.

In Rrief

MAE SOT, THAILAND

Leader of Myanmar Ethnic Group Is Killed by 2 Gunmen

The leader of the Karen National Union, one of the biggest ethnic groups fighting Myanmar's military

government, was killed Thursday, dealing a fresh blow to forces opposed to the country's hardline ruling junta. KNU General Secretary Mahn



Mahn Sha

Sha was shot by two gunmen at his home in Mae Sot, Thailand, Thai police said. No one claimed responsibility for the murder. (AP)

TEHRAN, IRAN

Authorities Ban 5 Web Sites With Current Events Focus

Iranian authorities banned five Web sites that comment on current events for "poisoning" public opinion ahead of the crucial mid-March parliamentary elections, the state radio reported on Thursday. The move is the latest in an election period that has seen the Interior Ministry, run by hard-liners close to President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, disqualify more than 2,000 prospective candidates. (AP)

BEIJING

China Says Sudan Activists Have 'Ulterior Motives'

China blamed activists with "ulterior motives" for linking the Beijing Olympics to the nation's involvement in Sudan, on Thursday. Games organizers and the Foreign Ministry responded to Steven Spielberg's rejecting a role as an artistic adviser to the Olympics by saying his decision would not affect planning. (AP)

Chad's President Calls Emergency

N'DJAMENA, CHAD | Chad's president declared a nationwide state of emergency Thursday, telling citizens that tightened controls are needed to restore order and "assure the good functioning of the state" after recent rebel attacks.

In a speech broadcast on national radio and television, President

Idriss Deby said he signed a decree increasing the government's power for 15 days, beginning Friday, as provided for in Chad's constitution.

Forces loyal to Deby battled rebels Feb. 2-3 in and around the capital. The Red Cross said more than 160 people were killed and 1,000 were wounded in the fighting. (AP)

HEARSAY | RUSSIAN POLITICS



"I don't see any serious failures. All the goals that were set were reached, and the tasks fulfilled."

-VLADIMIR PUTIN

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World

Philippines Halts Plot to Kill Arroyo

Al-Qaeda allies had planned attacks on president, embassies

MANILA. PHILIPPINES | Security officials on Thursday reported uncovering plots to kill President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo and bomb foreign embassies, just as opposition leaders were calling for more protests urging the unpopular Philippines leader to resign.

Brig. Gen. Romeo Prestoza, head of the Presidential Security Group, said the al-Qaeda-linked Abu Sayyaf group and its allies were behind the planned attacks.

Few details were announced. That sparked opposition claims that the government was using scare tactics in hopes of curtailing an anti-Arroyo demonstration Friday in Manila's financial district and a Sunday prayer rally involving the Roman Catholic Church and a democracy icon, former President Corazon Aquino.

Arroyo, a staunch U.S. ally plagued by long-running Islamic and communist insurgencies, has lurched from crisis to crisis since taking over in the country's second "people power" revolt in 2001, fending off three impeachment bids and four coup plots. She has two years left in her term.

Officials already had announced that security forces were going on high alert over concerns that communist rebels planned to infiltrate Friday's protest by leftist groups.

Prestoza said police uncovered the assassination plot last week. "It's not only the president who is the target, but also other people ... and embassies," he said, without offering any details. Paul Alexander (AP)

FAISALABAD, PAKISTAN | CITIZENS READY FOR VOTE



POLITICAL MOMENTUM: Men carry a poster of slain opposition leader Benazir Bhutto after a rally Thursday. President Pervez Musharraf said Thursday he would not tolerate protests after the planned Feb. 18 election.



UP IN SMOKE: A Virginia House of Delegates subcommittee on Thursday unanimously rejected Senate bills to ban smoking in restaurants and most other public places. The same panel previously rejected similar bills introduced in the House.

Local

Metro Eyes Monitors for Info, Ads

Video screens would give updates on service disruptions, weather

Metro plans to install large, flatscreen video monitors to carry system information and advertising in rail cars, train stations, buses and bus shelters in an effort to improve communication and earn much needed revenue, officials said Thursday.

The video screens would supplement the electronic display boards on train platforms and at station entrances that list arrival times and elevator and escalator outages. The 65-inch LCD video monitors would show not only train arrival times, but also the time, weather and news. About two-thirds of the screen would be devoted to advertising.



To enhance communication with customers, Metro plans to introduce the Metro Channel, a system of large, flat-screen video monitors at Metro bus and rail stops

But during major service disruptions, there would be no advertising; the screens would provide riders with real-time information about which rail lines are running, display bus bridge locations, and give information about where to catch a bus or how to get to a nearby station.

If Metro awards a 10-year contract this summer for the system, dubbed the Metro Channel, officials anticipate the first pilot screens would be installed by the end of the year. The entire project, installation of 3,000 to 5,000 digital signs throughout the bus and rail systems, would take four to six years. LENA H. SUN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Sound check: Roard members fear the new system would flood stations with noise | Today's Post. Metro

Fenty: No Deal In Place for New **Soccer Stadium**

WASHINGTON | Mayor Adrian M. Fenty has proposed using public funds to help build a soccer stadium that would keep D.C. United from leaving Washington for Maryland or Virginia, city officials confirmed Thursday. However, the mayor said no deal has been struck.

"I would never support a deal that is 100 percent city-funded," Fenty told The Washington Post. "I would support a deal that is a public-private partnership."

The 27,000-seat stadium is included as an option in a sweeping transformation of the Anacostia River waterfront with a mix of shops, housing, restaurants, parkland and possibly a museum and business hub. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, February 14

Mid-day Lucky Numbers Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.) 4-0-4 Mid-day DC 4 9-3-8-2 Evening DC 4 (Wed.) Rolling Cash Five (Wed.) 7-15-28-32-34 Daily 6 (Wed.) 23-24-29-36-37-39 Bonus: 31 Hot Lotto (Wed.) 11-33-35-36-38 (15)

MARYLAND

3-9-7	Mid-day Pick 3
7-2-0	Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)
4-1-1-5	Mid-day Pick 4
6-7-6-5	Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)
22-31-36 Bonus: 28	Match 5 (Wed.) 18-20-2
3-7-17-18-22-37	Multi-Match(Wed)

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	1-6-3
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	5-8-1
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	3-6-8-3

Evening Pick 4 (Wed.) 2-0-3-4 Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.) 3-5-15-18-30 Evening Cash 5 (Wed.) 2-4-6-16-32 Win for Life (Wed.) 3-8-II-I2-25-32 (I2)

MULTI-STATE GAMES

Powerball (Wed.) 13-19-32-38-51(30) Power Play

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

D.C. Taxi Drivers Stage 2nd Strike

A group of D.C. taxi drivers staged their second strike in as many weeks Thursday, in a continuing effort to force Mayor Adrian M. Fenty to reconsider his decision to switch from zoned to metered fares.

The strike, called by the Coalition of Cab Drivers, Companies and Associations of Washington, D.C., began at 6 a.m. Thursday and was to end at 6 a.m. Friday, said Nathan Price, coalition chairman.

Hotels quickly called in limousines and other hired cars to take up the slack, as they did during a 12-hour strike on Feb. 4. But striking drivers caused at least one midmorning traffic jam near 13th and E streets NW. sue anne pressley mon-TES (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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Money



FOUR-WHEEL DIVE: A Swiss company will unveil a new concept car that runs on land and underwater at the Geneva Auto Show next month. The car, called the sQuba, has an open top, so passengers have to breathe through a compressed air tank when underwater.

Bernanke's Sober Talk May Signal Rate Cuts

In bleak assessment, Fed chief says the U.S. economy is sluggish

WASHINGTON | Using words like "sluggish" and "deteriorated," Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke gave a starkly pessimistic assessment of the nation's economy on Thursday and signaled that the Fed will cut interest rates further if needed to combat the adverse effects of a prolonged housing slump and a severe credit crisis.

Bernanke told the Senate Banking Committee the serious housing slump and a credit crisis triggered by rising defaults in subprime mortgages had greatly strained the economy.

"The outlook for the economy has worsened in recent months, and the downside risks to growth have increased," Bernanke said. "To



date, the largest economic effects of the financial turmoil appear to have been on the housing market, which, as you know, has deteriorated significantly

over the past two years or so."

Private economists said they viewed Bernanke's sober assessment as a clear signal that the Fed, which cut interest rates by 1.25 percentage points in two moves in January, is prepared to cut rates further. (AP)

Market Action

New York	Stock	Exchang	e	NASDAQ Stock Market				
Gainers stock	LAST	DAILY Change	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE	Gainers stock	LAST	DAILY Change	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE	
AmbacF	10.53	+1.16	+12.4	GrandT rsh	2.37	+1.64	+224.7	
AvisBudget	12.84	+1.18	+10.1	IDM Phr h	2.96	+.81	+37.7	
WarnerMus	6.33	+.57	+9.9	Oncothyrn	3.24	+.51	+18.7	
AdvMOpt	23.29	+2.03	+9.5	FaroTech	29.26	+4.27	+17.1	
hhgregg n	12.86	+1.03	+8.7	Iomai	1.00	04	-3.8	
Losers				Losers				
BldBear	10.34	-2.66	-20.5	Astronics	22.23	-10.36	-31.8	
LizClaib	18.31	-4.12	-18.4	Allscripts	11.27	-4.12	-26.8	
Hyprcm	4.18	70	-14.3	NETgear .	21.59	-5.28	-19.7	
GaGulf	6.31	-1.04	-14.1	AeroGrow n	4.90	-1.12	-18.6	
HrtldPay	21.82	-3.24	-12.9	Nvidia s	22.61	-4.41	-16.3	

Rates			Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)					
	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK		TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO		
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25	British Pound	.5078	.5089	.5097		
Fed Funds close	5.23	5.23	Canadian Dollar	.9999	.9976	1.1650		
3-month disc	4.76	4.81	European Euro	.6834	.6860	.7620		
2-year	4.68	4.64	Japanese Yen	107.93	108.20	120.79		
10-year	4.67	4.68	Mexican Peso	10.7582	10.7415	10.9222		
30-year	4.83	4.86	Taiwanese Dollar	31.68	31.65	33.02		

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Allergan s	63.81	-1.08	7
AstraZen	38.26	-1.13	-10.6
BarrPhm	49.89	33	-6.0
BrMySq	23.21	65	-11.4
CephIn	61.42	+3.98	-14.4
ForestLab	40.48	82	+11.1
Hospira	41.00	53	-3.8
JohnJn	62.79	62	-5.9
LillyEli	49.98	36	-6.4
Merck	46.90	67	-19.3
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HOT SPOT: Carlos Guardado's Burrito Shack at 17th and K streets NW makes a spicy lunch that is difficult to leave behind.

D.C. Departure

A true Washingtonian gets a last taste of the city before he moves

IN SUNDAY SOURCE | How D.C. am I? I was born here. Raised in the 'burbs. Went to GW and lived here ever since.

I own a framed portrait of Gilbert Arenas. My heart beats go-go breaks and Fugazi drum fills. Trace amounts of chili from Ben's Chili Bowl can be found in my bloodstream.

And now I've left. I've landed that perfect job in that neighboring city four hours north, forcing me to say goodbye to a place I still can't imagine growing tired of.

But I didn't spend my final days in the District packing boxes and sitting on hold with the oh-so-helpful folks at Verizon. No way.

I squeezed in some time to visit my favorite spots in town — a goodbye to the weird and wonderful sites that, for me, capture the boundless energy and intangible beauty of Washington.



 $\textbf{STARE-DOWN:} \ Rembrandt \ never \ blinked \ in \ his \ contests \ with \ writer \ Chris \ Richards.$

'The Donnie Simpson Show' Theme

My first stop is on the FM dial to hear a tune that's been bouncing out of my clock radio for as long as I can remember: "Donnie Simpson show, Donnie Simpson show, Donnie in the morning! Get up! Everybody get up!" More than the Easterns Automotive jingle, Simpson's morning show theme song on

WPGC (95.5 FM) is the local ditty I'll miss most.

A Drive Down Rock Creek Parkway

When does a '98 Honda Accord feel like a Porsche 911? When I'm navigating the twists, turns and tunnels of Rock Creek Raceway, er, Parkway. Sure, Rock Creek Park provides scenic routes for joggers, walkers and bicyclists, but nothing feels quite like getting behind the wheel and hugging those curves on a sunny afternoon.

Rembrandt's Self-Portrait

Rembrandt van Rijn and I are locked in one final staring contest, and it looks as if he's going to

for more ...

IN SUNDAY SOURCE

Find more of Richards' favorite things, from an Italian eatery to his ideal fishpond. Plus, answers from the Wise Guys, getaways and this week's must-see media releases.

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win ... again. But don't blame me for trying. This self-portrait from 1659 in the National Gallery's West Building is one of the most arresting paintings ever slopped onto a canvas, conveying such vitality, such life, I'm convinced old Remy has to blink someday.

The Newsroom

This Dupont Circle magazine rack stocks reads from Artforum Forum to Archie Comics, punk fanzines to French fashion mags. It even has a machine that prints copies of newspapers from around the world. And on my last visit, there was plenty of what I always come to the Newsroom for: peace, quiet and elbow room.

Fort Reno Park

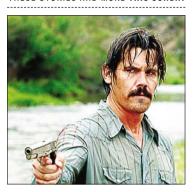
Most of the music venues I frequented as a punk-obsessed teenager have been moved, closed and/or bulldozed into condominium fodder. Thankfully, the stage at Fort Reno Park still stands. I've been dancing in Fort Reno's summer grasses for more than a decade, listening to Washington's best rock bands make some fantastic noise.

Burrito Cart, 17th and K NW

How many lunches have I eaten here? Two hundred? Three hundred? Carlos Guardado's burrito cart has provided me with some incredibly delicious meals, not to mention sweet reprieve from my workaday world. I ask him to douse my final burrito in extra Cholula. If I start getting weepy, I can blame the hot sauce. Chris RICHARDS (SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST)



THESE STORIES AND MORE THIS SUNDAY



Oscar Preview

Thanks to the end of the writers' strike, the Academy Awards show will go on. We look at some of the favorites to win and some favorites that didn't even get nominated. STYLE & ARTS

All About Abe

Three new books look at our 16th president's life, his debates with Stephen Douglas and his use of power during the Civil War. **BOOK WORLD**

King of the Jungle

"George of the Jungle" has returned to the Cartoon Network in new form just as the original "George" is released on DVD. TV WEEK



Mouse's Hunt

How Disney dispatched a team of lobbyists to Washington to scare up \$200 million to promote U.S. tourist destinations, including one or two that feature a famous mouse. MAGAZINE

Calling Coiners

First there were honeymoons; then came babymoons. Now there's voluntourism. We ask readers to coin new specialty vacation words. **TRAVEL**

NATIONALS

Full Rotation: Nats Pitchers and catchers report on Friday, and this year, manager Manny Acta has some options.







Crystal Langhorne and the other Terps women travel to Duke on Sunday night.

5 friday

7:30 P.M. To stay in first place in the Southeast, the Capitals must beat the Panthers, who are nipping at their heels. CSN

9 P.M. No. 22 Pittsburgh travels to Marquette for a Big East battle. ESPN

7 P.M. Phil Mickelson looks for a win at the Northern Trust Open, but will it be as sweet a victory with Tiger Woods not playing? TGC

saturday

12 P.M. Last year, No. 8 Georgetown had trouble when it played at Big East rival Syracuse. ESPN

I P.M. Virginia Tech is coming off two tough losses, and it doesn't get any easier against No. 5 UNC. CBS

3 P.M. Can the Terps defeat Florida State just days after No. 2 Duke ended Maryland's four-game winning streak? Ch. 20

7:30 P.M. The Caps stay on the road to play another Southeast division foe, the Lightning. CSN

≥ sunday

2 P.M. Start your engines. The Daytona 500 starts up in Daytona Beach, Fla., with defending Nextel Cup champ Jimmie Johnson on the pole. FOX

5:30 P.M. An ACC showdown has the No. 5 Terps women facing off against No. 12 Duke in what's always a good game. CSN

8:30 P.M. The NBA All-Star Game tips off in New Orleans. With Caron Butler injured, Antawn Jamison is Washington's lone representative. TNT



STAR POWER: All-Stars Antawn Jamison, above, and Caron Butler, below, do the little things well — like fighting for rebounds.

Down and Dirty

Jamison and Butler are both All-Stars who are not afraid to play rough

WIZARDS | To shine, they needed to get a little gritty.

The Wizards' All-Star tandem of Caron Butler and Antawn Jamison didn't make this weekend's showcase game because of flashy moves, acrobatic dunks or name recognition that makes replica jerseys fly off the shelves.

But try finding a more determined duo.

Butler and Jamison were selected to make their second NBA All-Star Game appearances this weekend in New Orleans. They earned the trip by picking up the slack for injured star Gilbert Arenas and keeping the Wizards (25-27) in the Eastern Conference playoff

picture. Despite the honor, Butler will sit out the game because of a strained hip flexor.

"Their numbers speak for themselves, and they're terrific leaders, which means [as much] to us," Wizards coach Eddie Jordan said. "I don't know if coaches can see what they do in our practices, on our buses, on our planes and in our locker room. But that means a lot."

Jamison sparked the Wizards to victory Wednesday with a last-second tip-in to beat the Los Angeles Clippers 91-89, snapping the Wizards' eight-game losing streak in the process. The recent bad run coincides with the loss of Butler, who has missed the last six games with

his hip injury. He's aiming to return for the start of the second half of the season, and the pair could be rejoined by Arenas — an All-Star starter last year — in early March.

While Jamison (21.4 points and 10.4 rebounds per game) and Butler (21.4 points, 6.8 rebounds and 4.2 assists per game) are having career years statistically, their teammates and coaches continuously bring up their efforts before their numbers. After an 0-5 start to the season, the Wizards' co-captains guided their team to winning months in November and December, even reorganizing the locker room in the process to split up some of the

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coaches can see what they do in our practices, on our buses, on our planes and in our locker room. But that means a lot."

EDDIE JORDAN, WIZARDS COACH

younger players they thought needed veteran mentoring.

Jordan characterized Jamison as being "a warrior" during last week's loss to San Antonio. The forward — who scored 18 points in the loss to the reigning NBA champs — made his biggest contributions of the night by hitting the floor twice in the third quarter to get loose balls that led to Wizards buckets.

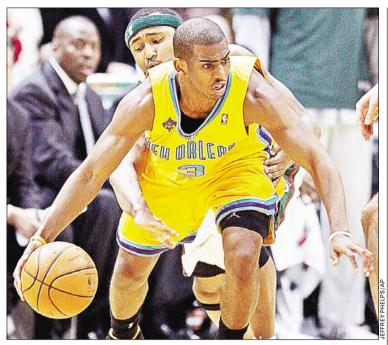
Butler gets his share of those accolades, too.

"When you've got a guy out there [like Butler] who's so tough and wants to win every game, it makes you want to go out there and do the same thing," Wizards guard DeShawn Stevenson said.

NBA | YouTurn All those poor guys who dreamed of doing the perfect dunk in the NBA Slam Dunk contest but weren't good enough players to even make it into the NBA are now getting their shot — or at least their dunks are. During this weekend's contest, Grizzlies guard Rudy Gay will



Sports Weekend



New Orleans' star point guard will be on the floor for Sunday's All-Star Game.

No Big Easy Hoops Solution

All-Star Game brings focus on attendance woes in New Orleans

NBA | Reminiscing about record crowds and the excitement of working in the NBA should be expected from someone like Bill Bertka, yet the topic of discussion wasn't all those Lakers championships. It was his stint as an executive for the New Orleans Jazz in the 1970s.

It's a common misconception that the Jazz fled New Orleans because of a lack of fan interest. But during three of their five seasons in New Orleans the Jazz drew at or above the NBA average.

"The New Orleans basketball fan is just as passionate as fans anywhere," Bertka said during a phone interview this week.

Many see this weekend's All-Star festivities as a launching point for fans to prove Bertka's point.

Attendance has been low since the Hornets' full-time return this season after a two-year, Hurricane Katrina-forced displacement to Oklahoma City. Sellouts have been rare despite the Hornets' 36-15 record and the emergence of Chris Paul and David West as All-Stars.

It's nothing like the euphoria that greeted the return of the NFL's New Orleans Saints, who've sold out all of their games during the past two

"New Orleans has always been a football-dominant type of city," said basketball Hall-of-Famer Gail Goodrich, who played for the Jazz in New Orleans and is now an NBA TV analyst. "So, whether basketball can survive, there's probably still lot of questions out on table and only time will tell."

While the Hornets' attendance average remains near the bottom of the NBA, crowds have averaged over 15,000 for the past four home

Hornets attendance figures will continue to make news, thanks to an unusual lease in which team owner George Shinn has essentially placed the franchise's future in the hands of New Orleans fans.

From last Dec. 1 through the end of the 2008-09 regular season, an average attendance figure of 14,735 or better will eliminate an opt-out clause that would allow Shinn to move his team before the lease expires in 2014.

Though Goodrich said he hopes to see pro basketball work here this time. BRETT MARTEL (AP)

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WIZARDS | BY MATT SWENSON

Wizards Should Give Big 3 a Shot

FORTUNEHASN'TFAVORED the Wizards so far this season. What else is new for this cursed franchise?

While the Celtics went from being among the NBA's worst to being among the NBA's best with two trades, Washington preached continuity as its saving grace.

The trouble is that the Wizards have been playing without their best player since November. When Caron Butler's back flared up, the team's eight-game skid was inevitable.

Come to think of it, the last time the Wizards sported a healthy Gilbert Arenas (this November doesn't count), Butler and Antawn Jamison was last April. One wonders how they will mesh when Agent Zero returns in March.

Many fans' first instinct was to seek a trade. It was mine, too.

Many fans' first instinct was to seek a trade after the February swoon. It was mine, too, until I realized that you can't make a major move without breaking up the big three.

A time may come as soon as the offseason to go in a totally new direction. For now, Washington's best chance to advance in the playoffs is to stick with this roster.

Bringing Arenas back is akin to making a trade, given how long he's been out. The team must stay patient with Butler and let him heal.

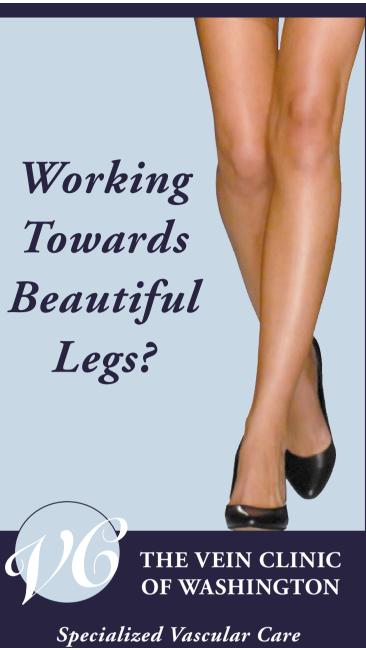
Fortunately, most of the NBA's superstars are out West or are heading there soon, leaving a postseason run a distinct possibility.

Before the season, we said this is a make-or-break season, and it still is. Just because the pendulum has swung to the break side doesn't mean it won't retreat if Washington can stay healthy.

The curse has to die sometime, right?



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I heard that I should apply for my daughter's financial aid now, but isn't it a little early? She hasn't even heard back from any of her schools yet.

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Believe it or not, the end of January is when you should begin the financial aid process. The first step is to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which you can complete online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Make sure to have your W-2s and other financial information handy before you get started. If you apply online, the results of the FAFSA should get to you and the schools in approximately 6 weeks. If you prefer the paper form, your local library or your daughter's guidance counselor should be able to provide you with the form and instructions.

One section of the form asks which schools you want the results sent to. You should list all the schools your daughter is seriously considering. as they will need these results to put together her potential financial aid package, which in turn will help you in your ultimate decision of which school your daughter will attend. Please let me know if you have any questions!

I have \$30,000 in student loans. I have been trying to pay some, and some are in forbearance. My loans are constantly being sold from one servicer to another, so I got a copy of my credit report to determine who owns my loans. I will soon permanently move to Canada from the United States. What happens now? I have tried to apply for forbearance since I am not working, but don't qualify because I will not be in the United States and I will not collect unemployment or register for unemployment. I would like to negotiate something, but I'm getting the runaround, and the servicer is demanding \$2,700, which is a lot more in Canadian dollars. But with no income, it is not an option to pay that much. What can I do? I do not want to carry around this burden, the loan holders are not even willing to negotiate with me. I heard that if it goes to the Feds for litigation I can be arrested when I reenter the United States. Is this true?

Sara.

You're actually talking about two different things here. It's true: you're not eligible to postpone payment on your student loans if you Betsy are unemployed and seeking work outside the

United States. That particular option is called unemployment deferment—not forbearance.

Forbearance is another option for postponing payment on your loans. Unless you've already used the 36-60 months that your servicer allows you should be eligible for this option while seeking employment, regardless of where you live. If you have already used the limit, you are going to need to bring your loans up to date, and then apply for a lower payment option, such as the graduated repayment option, consolidation, or income-sensitive repayment option.

Regarding what will happen if your loans default and eventually go through litigation, yes, there is a chance that you could be arrested if you come back to the United States. But why set yourself up for that and a bad credit rating? I know you say you're in Canada for good, but you never know what will happen a few years down the road. I'd try to work this out now

Good Luck.



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Wallace Is Hoyas' Hot Shot

Senior already holds Georgetown's record for 3-point baskets

HOYAS HOOPS | When Jonathan Wallace's college career comes to a close in either March or early April, the records will show no better 3-point shooter in Georgetown's history.

With a school-record 246 long balls (and counting), the senior point guard long ago earned coach John Thompson III's complete trust.

"I feel good every time the ball leaves his hand," Thompson said after Monday's 55-53 victory over Villanova, in which the guard hit a crucial 3-pointer two minutes and 13.9 seconds before his two gamewinning free throws.

Wallace, who scored a teamhigh 15 points, was the hero of the game. It's a position the Harvest,



Jonathan Wallace, right, gets a hug from teammate Roy Hibbert after hitting the game-winning free throws against Villanova. He also he a key 3-pointer with 2:14 left.

HERE WE GO AGAIN

The setup for Saturday's game at Syracuse should sound familiar:

→ The Orange, which lost to lowly South Florida on Wednesday, needs a win against No. 8 Georgetown to get off the NCAA tournament bubble. Syracuse pulled off the upset last year in the same situation and danced in March. Expect a close game, just as it was in the teams' first matchup, when Syracuse had a late lead before petering out in a 64-62 overtime win for the Hoyas at Verizon Center.

Ala., native has been in before — just not recently.

Mired in the worst shooting slump in four years entering Monday's win, Wallace had not made a 3-pointer in three consecutive games and had not scored in double digits in five straight contests — longer streaks than he'd had in either of the previous two seasons.

Part of the slump could be attributed to bad luck. Another cause is a change in defensive focus. Wallace is a key target now that former teammate Jeff Green is in the NBA.

To hear Wallace say it, breaking the cold streak was a relatively simple process.

"I didn't think about it," Wallace said. "Shooter's shoot."

A career .425 shooter from beyond the arc, Wallace found his form with three tries to help ensure the eighth-ranked Hoyas (19-3, 10-2) will enter Saturday's game at Syracuse atop the Big East standings.

Somewhat ironically, Thompson was more eager to talk about Wallace's defense on star guard Scottie Reynolds, whose Wildcats made just four shots in the second half.

"That was one of his best defensive efforts in four years," Thompson said. "He was absolutely terrific."
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Weekend Sports

Olie Shrugs off Criticism

Poor stats put Kolzig on thin ice, but his play has the Caps winning

CAPITALS | He's won 316 games, has been the owner of a Vezina Trophy and likely will be the next Capitals star to have his number raised to the Verizon Center roof. And that means next to nothing to the experts.

SI.com said Olaf Kolzig's performance "suggests he's well past his best-by date," while ESPN.com claimed the veteran "appears to have hit the wall."

Kolzig, 37, has heard the rumblings: "Everybody's writing me off,



Olie Kolzig, left, isn't having his best statistical season, but recently he's been winning.

thinking I'm too old," he said. "Some people look at stats, and they don't look at anything else."

If true, that might explain the criticism. Kolzig's 3.01 GAA ranks 40th in the 30-team NHL, meaning he trails some backups. His .887 save percentage ranks 43rd.

But Kolzig toils behind a young defense and plays for a team that, now, under coach Bruce Boudreau, takes far more chances up the ice.

"I'm not a statistical goaltender and don't think I ever have been. For me, right now, the bottom line is getting wins," said Kolzig, who will be a free agent at season's end. "If I got concerned about my stats, I wouldn't be playing this in this league because I'd be a in a nuthouse."

Kolzig, along with his team (27-25-6), has been winning recently. Victorious in eight of his 13 starts since New Year's, the netminder has been huge in key moments, drawing praise following jaw-dropping saves in recent OT wins over Montreal and the Rangers. Boudreau is letting Kolzig rest more, and backup Brent Johnson (2.71 GAA, .907 save percentage) is starting more often. They'll likely split this weekend's games at Florida and Tampa Bay.

"Olie's never been a goalie that's relied on quickness. He stands up and makes it difficult to score. That's been his game, and he hasn't gotten smaller," Caps goaltending coach Dave Prior said. "He's a proud guy and believes he's got more to

offer." BRIAN STRAUS

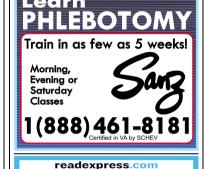
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Nats' 'Different Ballgame'

With fewer rotation spots to fill, team eves better start this season

NATIONALS | A year ago, the Washington Nationals opened spring training with no idea what their rotation would look like once the regular season began.

When the Nationals' pitchers and catchers begin reporting to camp at Viera, Fla., on Friday, there figures to be a far more positive vibe.

"It's a totally different ballgame for us," manager Manny Acta said in a telephone interview from Florida. "We have made some big-time improvements when it comes down to our rotation. It feels better going into spring training this way."

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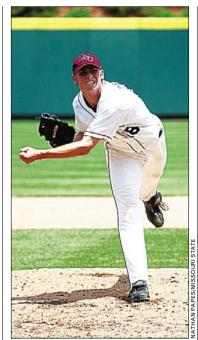
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Young pitchers such as Shawn Hill, Jason Bergmann and Matt Chico give hope to a franchise that stopped a string of three consecutive last-place NL East finishes by ending up fourth in 2007.

All showed last season that they belong in the majors. Those three probably will be in the rotation.

John Patterson, the only starter who arrived at camp last February with a job, will try to prove he's healthy after making just seven starts in '07. And then there are possibilities such as veteran Tim Redding or youngsters John Lannan and firstround pick Ross Detwiler.

"Now we're going into spring training with at least four or five guys that pitched in the big leagues for us and competed well," Acta said.



Young pitchers like Ross Detwiler might make the team, but not out of necessity.

"Instead of going in with 12 guys trying to win four spots, now we're going in with probably just eight guys that are going to have a little competition here and there."

Still, the team did not make an offseason spending splash for new talent, instead adding pieces here and there. The most expensive addition is catcher Paul Lo Duca, who signed a \$5 million, one-year contract. He was brought in to replace Brian Schneider, who was traded to the Mets, along with Ryan Church, in the deal for OF Lastings Milledge.

Other new faces include Elijah Dukes, a young outfielder with plenty of talent and a checkered past; veteran Aaron Boone; and pitcher Tyler Clippard, picked up in a trade.

We have some more options and depth that we didn't have before." Acta said. "We have a lot fewer holes in our baseball team." HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)

STRONGER ROTATION



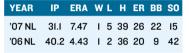
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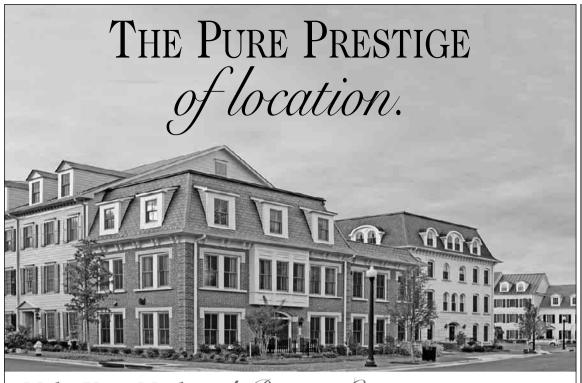


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Gibbs Gets Back on Track

Speedway gives former Redskins coach the chance to slow down

DAYTONA 500 | Joe Gibbs is back in NASCAR.

"Obviously, having him back around is huge," driver Tony Stewart said. "He's a great person and a great, great leader. He's great at motivating people and putting the right people in the right positions."

Heading into Sunday's Daytona 500, Stewart didn't exactly give Gibbs a chance to ease his way back into NASCAR.

Gibbs had to make an unscheduled trip to Daytona last weekend after Stewart tangled with Kurt Busch on the track.

"It's not where you want to start, but, obviously, it's part of it," Gibbs said.



 $\label{local conditions} \mbox{Joe\,Gibbs\,is\,already\,less\,stressed\,now\,that\,he's\,back\,to\,racing,\,his\,son,\,J.D.,\,said.}$



GENTLEMEN, START YOUR TVS The Daytona 500 is on Sunday. Here's what you should know:

- → The race starts at 3:30 p.m., but FOX's coverage begins at 2 p.m.
- → Last year, just .02 seconds distinguished first place (Kevin Harvick) from second place (Mark Martin).
- → Nextel Cup champ Jimmie
 Johnson is on the pole this year.

Still, Gibbs said he's fired up about getting back to racing.

After an emotionally trying season in his second stint as head coach of the Washington Redskins, Gibbs decided to put away his playbook in January — presumably, for good.

"I feel like I'm back home," Gibbs said. "I missed everybody. It's fun being back, and I'm excited. I'm probably the most excited guy about being back down here, because I've missed so much."

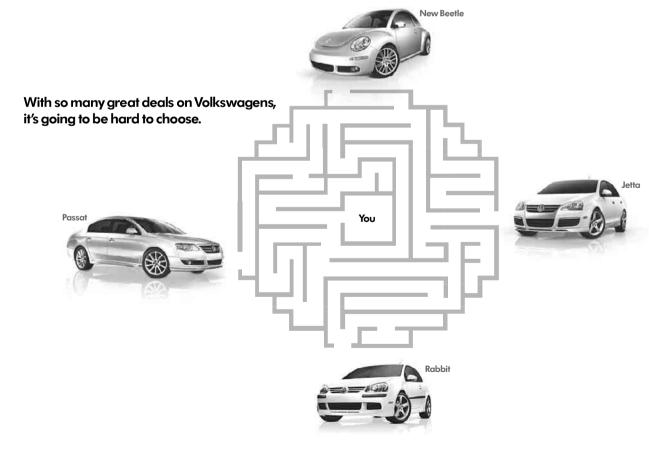
Gibbs' son, J.D., says he already can see the stress of life in the NFL melting away.

But Gibbs' most important role right now might be that of a loving grandfather to his sick grandson, who is currently undergoing chemotherapy treatment.

Add the death of Redskins safety Sean Taylor, who died Nov. 27 after being shot at his home during a botched robbery attempt, and it was a difficult year for Gibbs.

"Life's fragile," Gibbs said. "I think for a lot of people, what that caused around Washington was a lot of people, the coaching staff, players, front office ... a lot of people said, 'Where am I going to spend eternity?"

But that's a question for another day. For now, Gibbs' place is in NASCAR. CHRIS JENKINS (AP)



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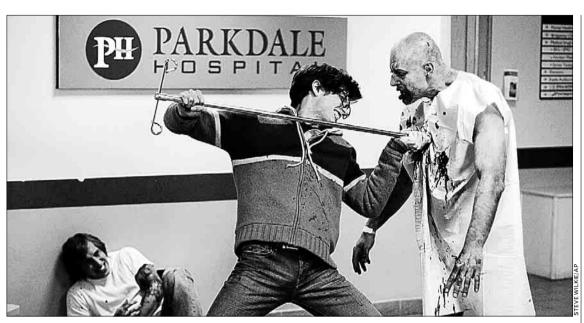
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Weekend Entertainment



QUICK! MAKE HIM DEADER! Eliot (Joe Dinicol) fights off a zombie as Tony (Chris Violette) lies wounded in "Diary of the Dead."

The Dead Live

In his signature style, George A. Romero wakes the deceased

FILM | Perhaps YouTube and MySpace and the proliferation of cheap digital video cameras have turned us into a nation of navelgazers.

We sit in front of computer screens for hours, posting and clicking on the most mundane and intimate details of our lives that are out there for all the world to see — or no one. But it's cathartic, so who cares?

Leaving us sluggish and mumbling with glazed eyes and pasty skin, technology has practically turned us into ... zombies. Or so the logic seems to go in "George A. Romero's Diary of the Dead."

The horror veteran appears to be slamming the mainstream media for failing to tell us the truth (about

Hurricane Katrina, about the Iraq war), yet he also indicts a generation of 20-somethings for creating their own misleading din with an onslaught of online reportage.

The message is muddled, but the zombie master still knows how to make a gripping, graphic, grossly funny horror flick. Here, Romero returns authentically to the low-budget roots he used to establish himself 40 years ago with the classic "Night of the Living Dead."

As writer and director, he follows a group of film students crossing Pennsylvania in a Winnebago to escape a growing attack of the undead — the source of which is a virus maybe? Doesn't matter, really. They include aspiring filmmaker Jason (Josh Close), who refuses to put down the camera, regardless of the threat; his disgruntled girlfriend Debra (Michelle Morgan), who narrates the finished product; and their melodramatic, alcoholic professor (Scott Wentworth).

All of them, along with tough-guy New Yorker Tony (Shawn Roberts), Texas belle Tracy (Amy Lalonde) and rich-boy actor Ridley (Philip Riccio), were shooting Jason's student film in the woods when the first rumblings of trouble began.

News reports start flooding in about the dead coming back to life; one generically blond reporter gets her face eaten off on air, which is at once hilarious and horrifying. Jason and Co. try to reach their loved ones by phone but with no luck, so they pile into the RV looking for shelter and hoping to drop everyone back home along the way.

Of course, this being a horror movie, they get picked off one by one during their journey. (And the zombies themselves take it to the head with a variety of creative weapons, including a bow-and-arrow, a scythe, a defibrillator and — best of all — a smashed bottle of hydrochloric acid that fabulously fries a dude's brain from the outside.) Christy Lemire (AP)



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Fur's Web site is absolutely useless. How much will it be at the door for the Biz Markie, E.U., Rare Essence and Sugar Bear show on Sunday night?

Agreed. We heard it's going to start at \$25 and go up, so get there early. I'm always shocked when I go to a go-go spot and it's, like, \$40 to get in.

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With Dr. Dremo's gone, there's a gaping hole in my social life and neighborhood. I know about the Continental and Whitlow's, but is there anything in between? Also, what's the scoop on King Street Blues in Courthouse?

Easy one first: King Street Blues, not much to write home about, but there's a decent happy hour with half-price wings. I'd say Rhodeside Grill for foosball and darts would be a good place to start.

→ King Street Blues, 2300 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington; 703-243-2900. (Court House)

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Horror Is the Stuff of Reality

'Nanking' affirms that true stories are often the most disturbing

FILM | Powerful, moving and disturbing, the documentary "Nanking" depicts the horrific events that occurred in the Republic of China's then-capital in late 1937 and early 1938. Directed by Bill Guttentag and Dan Sturman, the film chronicles the brutal invasion by Imperial Japanese forces primarily from the

perspective of a community of Westerners who remained behind, and of the Chinese survivors to whom they provided sanctuary.

One of the worst massacres of the 20th century, the events were largely forgotten until Iris Chang's controversial 1997 bestseller, "The Rape of Nanking," returned them to public consciousness, and they remain a sensitive issue in Sino-Japanese relations.

"Nanking" opens with preparations for a staged reading by actors



A still from "Nanking." Children were slaughtered en masse in the tragedy.

playing the story's principals, whose letters and diary entries form the film's dramatic spine. They introduce themselves in character and, they remain on-camera.

The device is a little jarring at first and somewhat mannered. However, it turns out to be extremely effective as the actors' commitment quickly pulls us into the riveting narrative of a small group of people who did something extraordinary in the face of imminent danger. KEVIN CRUST (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

With their hit "Cupid," '90s R&B sensations 112 should be able to eat well off of Valentine's compilations for years to come, unless Diddy owns all of their back catalog. The Atlanta quartet is making a comeback, despite the fact that the game has changed drastically since their Jodeci-meets-Hi-Five-style lit up charts and dance floors more than a decade ago. Find out if they still have it at JUSTE LOUNGE tonight. Tickets are half-price if you get them in advance at justelounge.com.

We've hyped up DJ Divine's Rebirth nights in this column before, as his blends of soulful house, deep funk, Latin shuffles and soaring vocal tracks never fail to fill dance floors and keep the crowd moving until 2 a.m. Starting this week, Divine's hosting a new event at MIRRORS called the Mocha Jazz Lounge, which will offer a chance to kick back and listen to live jazz at happy hour before the night segues into a livelier atmosphere. Smooth saxman Marshall Keys, who's been gigging around D.C. for decades with the Blackbyrds and on his own, is up tonight, beginning at 7:45. Doors open at 7 p.m. for drink specials (\$6 martinis and Long Island ice teas) and dinner. Once Keys wraps up, Divine takes control for another episode of Rebirth. There's a \$10 cover for the whole night.

SATURDAY

Just released on DVD this week, the documentary "Africa Unite" adds a new dimension to the existing body of work that aims to capture Bob Marley's musical and cultural legacy. This film records Bob's



BIG FISH, LOCAL POND: Watch Georgie James compete for a Wammie on Sunday.

musical brood and Rita Marley as they celebrate Bob's 60th birthday in Ethiopia. It's part concert film. part Marley family scrapbook and a good amount of heartwarming pan-Africanism. Bob would surely smile approvingly upon the Ethiopian youngsters in the film singing along to "Get Up, Stand Up." If you haven't copped the DVD yet, you can get your first experience of the film Saturday night at ZANZI-BAR. The Catch a Fire celebration starts with a screening of the film followed by performances by the reggae bands S.T.O.R.M., Inspiration and Proverbs.

The last time we saw Leslie Hall, the Iowa electro-hip-hop sensation was tearing up Taint at DC9, rapping about jewel-encrusted sweaters and trailer parks, and showing off the tightest gold-lame outfits since, well, we can't remember. Leslie's back on 9th Street Saturday night with her band the Lys to help DC9 celebrate the club's fourth anniversary.

SUNDAY

If last week's Grammys left you wanting more ... OK, that's not too likely. In any case, the local version, the Wammies, are Sunday night at THE STATE THEATRE. Like the Grammys, the Wammies have a tendency to honor the more, let's say, established acts around town, so you won't see many Nightlife Agenda favorites on the list of honorees, although bands like Georgie James, the Hall Monitors and the Points are up for some major awards. Performers include folk mainstays Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer, and country rockers Honky Tonk Confidential performing with CBS news veteran Bob Schieffer.

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GET A GRIP: RJ (Martin Lawrence), left, and Clyde hang on in "Roscoe Jenkins."



ATONEMENT (R. 123 minutes) This film version of Ian McEwan's 2002 novel has achieved that to which every literary adaptation should aspire. It's 1935, and the Tallises have gathered for a quiet summer weekend. When Briony observes her beautiful sister, Cecilia (Keira Knightley), suddenly jump into a fountain while the caretaker's son. Robbie (James McAvoy), looks on, Briony doesn't see youthful impetuousness. She sees something forbidden and threatening, which is how she will read and report all that comes later. Those events will take Briony, Cecilia and Robbie to World War II and even the present day, as that summer weekend reverberateS in a series of excruciating twists. How fitting that a novel so devoted to the precision and passionate love of language be captured in a film that is simply too exquisite for words. (AH)

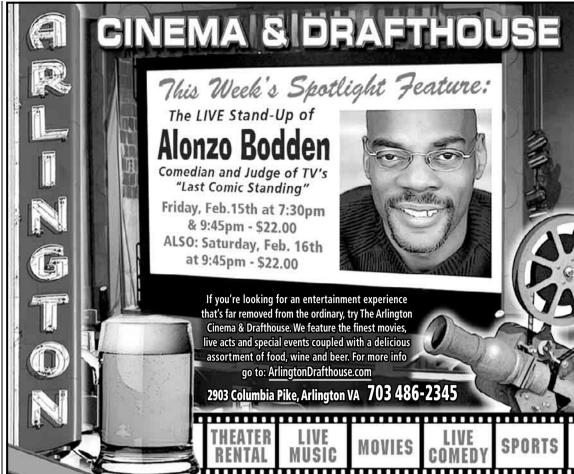
THE BUCKET LIST (PG-13, 97 minutes) The lowest of high concepts, this movie is about two old coots (Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman) with terminal cancer who decide to live out a few last-minute thrills before kicking the bucket. It is professionally made, but the overall sense is of a movie coasting on an obvious and somewhat flimsy premise, to which no one thought to bring much else besides Nicholson and Freeman. Each man is playing his own cliched persona: nihilism vs. nobility, mischief vs. morose introspection, arrested adolescent vs. ageless wisdom. No need to explain who is who, which is part of the movie's very tired problem. (JA)

CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR (R, 96 minutes) Mike Nichols's chronicle of congressman Charlie Wilson's crusade to ram funding through the House Appropriations Committee to supply arms to the Afghan mujaheddin in the early 1980s probably gets the Washington process better than any film since "Advise & Consent" in 1962. Charlie is played by Tom Hanks at his unchallenged but affable best. But the best thing about the film is the speed at which Nichols, from Aaron Sorkin's snarky script, moves the thing along and keeps the cracks wise. And with smart dialogue, Julia Roberts in a bikini and Russian helicopters going boom! It's also short! What's not to love? (SH)

CLOVERFIELD (PG-13,85 minutes) In this thriller, our hero, as such, is Rob (Michael Stahl-David), who's being given a goingaway party before his new job in Japan starts. Apparently miffed about not having been invited to the soiree, a lumbering-yet-slithering 90-foot tadpole starts lobbing bombs around Lower Manhattan. The destruction of the city is seen through the viewfinder of a partygoer's video camera, and at no time does he fail to keep an image on the screen. Projected on a building-size screen, the movie is a relentless, I-thought-my-eyeballs-were-bleeding exercise in visual disorientation, consisting of dialogue that consists largely of OH, MY GOD?!! (JA)

THE EYE (R, 85 minutes) This remake of a 2002 Hong Kong horror film sits in no man's land between a lowbrow genre terrorizer (it's never that scary) and a highend ghost story — the kind that would use a big-name director, more high-end effects and — oh, yes — a better script. Jessica Alba brings beauty but no particular brilliance to the central role as a blind, classical violinist (yeah, right) who agrees to a corneal transplant only to learn that she is suffering three-dimensional hallucinations. She sees people burning and the ghosts of the recently departed, including the previous owner. of those corneas. But is she supposed to be seeing dead people or medium-level special effects? (рт)

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Live Action Short Film

Saturday, February 23, 12:00 p.m.

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FIRST SUNDAY (PG-13, 96 minutes) In this by turns trite and mildly amusing Bcomedy, Ice Cube and Tracy Morgan play Durell and LeeJohn, Baltimore downand-outers who need quick money and concoct a scheme to rip off their neighborhood church. Once they're inside the house of worship, the movie goes from caper flick to spiritually inflected dramedy, with touches of Agatha Christie thrown in when the money disappears before Durell and LeeJohn can snag it.

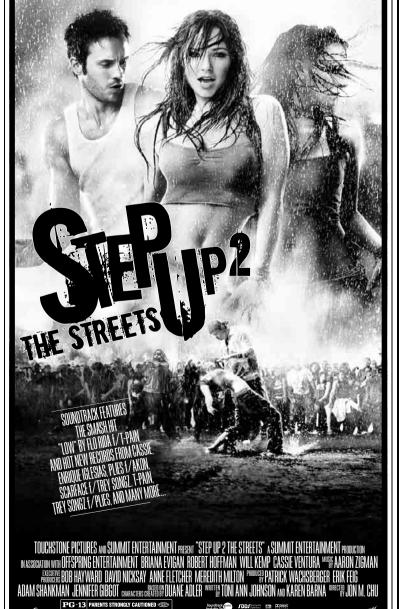


COUPLES COUNSELING: Troubled lovers search for treasure in "Fool's Gold."

As tired as this movie is, and as shamelessly as it grovels for laughs, there's a hint of sweetness, and when it succeeds, it's mostly due to terrific casting. (AH)

FOOL'S GOLD (PG-13, 112 minutes) This movie revolves around a quest for the fabled Queen's Dowry, gold and jewels meant to seal a royal marriage, which sank in the Caribbean in 1715. Tess (Kate Hudson) and Ben (Matthew McConaughey) have spent their entire marriage looking for the booty. Tess is a doctoral candidate in something history? hair extensions? — and has had her life put on hold by Ben's passion for finding the Dowry. So, they split up, and immediately get back together





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when Ben finally finds a substantial clue to what's down there, waiting. What's up here, not waiting, is a whole boatload of subplots. That two of the three scribes responsible for this movie have previously specialized in horror makes perfect sense. (JA)

4 MONTHS, 3 WEEKS AND 2 DAYS (Unrated, 113 minutes) This shattering Romanian movie is not for the faint of heart, but for film connoisseurs passionately interested in how far the medium can go in depicting human stories, it

will provide a bracing breath of fresh cinematic air. Anamaria Marinca delivers a transfixing performance as Otilia, a young woman who helps a friend (Laura Vasiliu)

how tiny black Wiley College, of Marshall, Tex., out-argued the white national debate champion in 1935 into a stunner. He plays Mel Tolson, a poet, debate coach, labor perfect, and something that a lot of peo-

for a matinee), and you still learn nothing about Miley Cyrus and her rock-star alter ego. And it's in 3-D, a gimmick truly on the cutting edge in ... 1953. It is strictly a arose that concert tickets were too pricrobbed of Cyrus's promising vocal ability, affected stage persona and defiantfilm makes little of such moments, preHOW SHE MOVE (PG-13, 98 minutes) This is more sports movie than art movie in which stepping — ensemble dancing to a hip-hop beat — is the art/sport du jour. And the MVP is Raya (Rutina Wesley). Having reluctantly left her elite private school because her late sister's drug addiction sponged up the family's finances. Rava finds herself in her old. downtrodden Toronto 'hood, facing off with old nemeses including Michelle (Tre Armstrong) and trying to find a way back out. The movie is burdened by a rather mediocre script but boasts some terrific performances. It's a girls-can't-doit/girls-can-do-it/girls-do-it/girls-beat-

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obtain an illegal abortion in the waning organizer and mentor, who coaches Henry pastiche of her recent tour. Complaints days of Romania's communist Ceausescu (Nate Parker) and three others to a signifiregime. Writer-director Cristian Mungiu cant assertion of black intellectual chops ey and hard to get, and so Disney made films Otilia's harrowing day in virtual real on a national scale. It's a David and Goliath this limited-run movie to reach fans tale played to the max, all stops removed. time. The result is a sobering, unsettling It's a great family movie, if not historically portrait of the extremes people must ly inarticulate speaking style. And what resort to under tyranny, a portrait all the more powerful because of Mungiu's ple are going to like. (SH) about those pumped-up dads, seen in adamant refusal to gloss over unpleas-HANNAH MONTANA AND MILEY CYRUS: the movie, who'll do anything to get tick-BEST OF BOTH WORLDS CONCERT 3-D (G. ets, including racing in high heels? The THE GREAT DEBATERS (PG-13, 120 min-74 minutes) Clearly, we were expecting too utes) Denzel Washington, who directmuch. Fifteen lousy bucks for this movie ferring the bland sheen of the concert. Continued on page 28 ed and stars in this film, turns the tale of (tickets are \$15, even for kids, and even ADAM BERNSTEIN THE NEW YORK TIMES





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IN BRUGES (R, 107 minutes) Writer-

director Martin McDonagh's first fea-

ture film is a dry, wine-dark comedy,

powered by Colin Farrell and Brendan

Gleeson, who play two wry Irish hit

men named Ray and Ken. The pair find

themselves in Bruges, the Flemish port

city known for its medieval architecture

and bell tower. Ken (Gleeson) is willing

to make the best of it. Ray (Farrell), not

so much. Ray may be restless, but it's

his fault they're here: They have been

remanded to Bruges by their boss,

Harry (Ralph Fiennes), because when

Ray murdered a priest outside a confes-

sional, he also put a bullet in the head of

a little boy at prayer. Those who know

McDonagh's work know a vein of dark-

ness will run deeply through the comedy.

It has seldom been darker. Or funnier. He

has made a hit-man movie in which you

don't know what will happen and can't

JUNO (PG-13, 91 minutes) When whip-

smart teenager Juno (Ellen Page)

becomes pregnant, the unplanned

result of a quick liaison with boyfriend

Paulie (Michael Cera), she decides to

find a home for her baby. She meets a

seemingly slick and perfect yuppie cou-

ple (Jennifer Garner and Jason Bateman)

who plan to give the child the life that Juno

can't. Only superficially a teen comedy,

the movie redounds with postmodern —

but emotionally genuine—gravitas. What

distinguishes it is its memorable banter

among the characters, all of whom feel

real. And let's not forget how funny the

THE KITE RUNNER (PG-13, 122 minutes)

Khaled Hosseini's novel has been given

the screen adaptation it richly deserves.

Gorgeously filmed in California and China (which stands in for Afghanistan), the movie keeps things simple and elegant. Twelve-year-old Amir (Zekeria Ebrahimi) lives in a beautiful house. His best friend is Hassan (Ahmad Khan Mahmidzada),

the family servant's son. As the boys do what boys do in Kabul, including flying

kites, they are routinely bullied by kids of

the privileged sect to which Amir belongs.

It's after one of Kabul's cherished "kite fighting" tournaments that Hassan runs afoul of some of those bullies, who brutally rape him. Amir looks on, and the ensuing shame will haunt him the rest of his life. For all the pain and loss, this is still a film of exhilarating, redemptive humanity,

movie is, too, (pt)

wait to find out. (JA)

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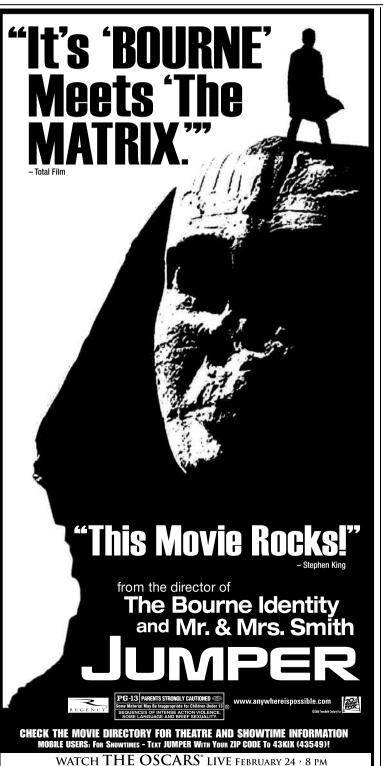
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R, 119 minutes) From its hushed opening sequences in a Manhattan law office late at night to its sleek, pared - down narrative style, this uncommonly intelligent thriller evokes the great films of the 1970s that managed to elicit gritty urban realism while maintaining a suave sense of style and moral complexity. George Clooney plays the title character, a "fixer" at a white shoe law firm, who finds himself enmeshed in a web of corporate intrigue, personal financial straits, madness and murder. The movie marks a return to the screen of intelligence, taste and class. Hallelujah,



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NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS (PG, 120 minutes) Benjamin Franklin Gates is a movie hero of the old school, a dashing treasure hunter with an obsessive interest in American history. Played by Nicolas Cage in the 2004 hit "National Treasure," Gates emerged as a new kind of leading man, one with the brains of Stephen Ambrose and the brawn of Indiana Jones. Cage is back in crackling good form in this sequel, which finds Gates trying to disprove an unpleasant twist in his vaunted family history. It's clear that everyone involved in this movie is having fun, and with expectations properly managed, the audience will, too. (AH)

NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R, 120 minutes) Derived from the Cormac McCarthy novel of the same name, this high-end "literary" thriller traffics as much in ideas as in thrills, sometimes to its own detriment. It follows as a Vietnam vet (Josh Brolin) out antelope-hunting comes across a Texas drug deal gone bad. Bodies, guns, blood, flies and folly are everywhere on the arid plains. Each figure is given, a la standard thriller operating procedure, a single moral or psychological attribute and then acts in accordance to that principle and nothing else. It's meant to be "ironic," with Continued on page 32



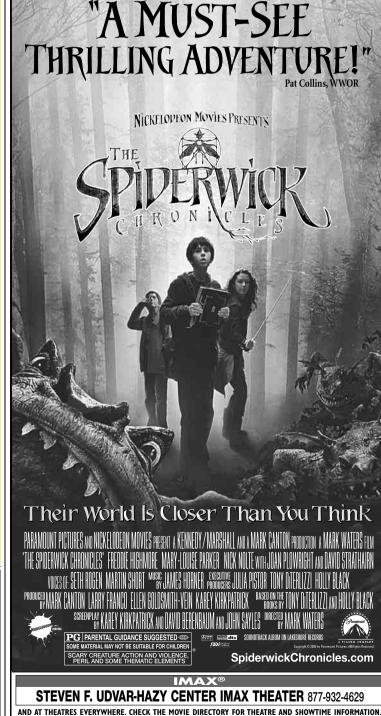


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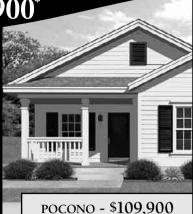
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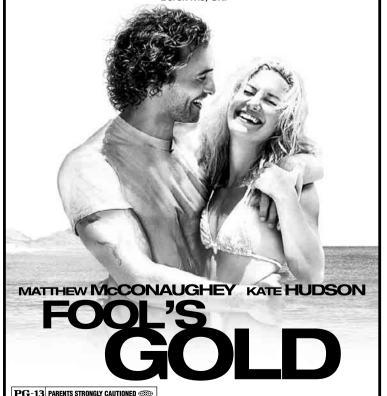
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that big capital I. Instead, it's unsatisfying, with a capital U. (sн)

PERSEPOLIS (PG-13, 95 minutes) The unusual format in Marjane Satrapi's film is not that it's in black-and-white (though it is), not that it's based on a graphic novel (it is), but that it's animated. Satrapi, with co-director Vincent Paronnaud, has taken her work and turned it into a vigorous, revealing and tragic film. The film pretty much stays with three women -Satrapi, her mother (voiced by Catherine Deneuve) and her grandmother (Danielle Darrieux) — through the upheavals of recent Iranian history. This is good old cel animation, where things are simply drawn and immensely suggestive, and the movie, while no fun, faces hard truths and asks hard questions. (sн)

THE PIRATES WHO DON'T DO ANYTHING

 A VEGGIETALES MOVIE (G. 84 minutes) This umpteenth entry in the 15-year-old animated franchise and the first to forsake the Bible for Robert Louis Stevenson, is clever enough to keep adults entertained, even if the story is something of an antique. Dynastic intrigue. Adventure at sea, Imperiled maidens, Pirates who say "Arrrrrr." Longtime fans know that the veggies play different roles in each story. In this one, the Helpseeker takes them, via magical rowboat, to the 1600s. The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything don't, in fact, do much. But at least they won't raise your cholesterol. (JA)

RAMBO (R, 95 minutes) This movie, which marks Sylvester Stallone's fourth appearance as the bow-bending angel of death, urges us to appreciate the miserable plight of the Burmese, just before our laconic hero kills, maims and — in one gruesome shot - decapitates them. Of course, the movie presents John Rambo's wholesale killing as a response to social injustice. He's icing the bad Burmese who rape women, torch babies and force their victims to run through mine-rigged rice fields. But Rambo's motivation seems more psychotic than noble. No longer is he killing for a cause, but for kicks. (DT) THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R. 158 minutes) Based very loosely on the novel "Oil!" by Upton Sinclair, this film stars Daniel Day-Lewis as a miner named Daniel Plainview, who while digging for gold and silver in Southern California in the late 1890s discovers oil. The movie traces his rise as an independent oilman, his fight with Standard Oil, his relationship with his adopted son and his feud with an ambitious young preacher. It is a masterful cine-

matic achievement, and it's another aston-



HAVE A DRINK! Jordan Prentice, Clémence Poésy and Colin Farrell in "In Bruges."

ishing performance from Day-Lewis, who in the film's silent opening moments even breathes with eerie authenticity. (AH)

27 DRESSES (PG-13, 107 minutes) In this romantic comedy, Katherine Heigl plays Jane, a hardworking Manhattan administrative assistant who gives new meaning to "always a bridesmaid." Turns out the movie's title refers to the number of weddings in which she has served in that thankless capacity, including two that, in a preposterous early sequence, occur on the same night. It's during that illogical series of scenes that Jane meets Kevin (James Marsden), who begins to pursue her even though she's in love with her boss (Edward Burns). There is not one surprising, charming or quirky thing about the movie, which hews to the rom-com formula with bland precision. But don't blame Heigl, who has a bright big-screen future with the right material. (AH)

U2 3D (G, 85 minutes) The first digital 3-D, multi-camera production of a live event, this film captures the band U2 at its finest during the last leg of its "Vertigo" tour of South America in 2006. With 3-D digital images and surround sound that make you feel as though you're literally poking your head into another world, this movie is not the next best thing to being there. In many ways, it's better: the atmospheric immersion of being with an adoring crowd, yet not stifled by it, and the intimacy of pristine, intimate images of Bono and bandmates. (рт)

UNTRACEABLE (R. 100 minutes) Diane Lane stars as Jennifer Marsh, a widowed cyber-crime expert with the FBI living with her mother and young daughter. From its very first scene, this isn't the sophisticated, brainy thriller it so nearly could have been, but just another movie about a serial murderer, in this case a deranged computer whiz who kidnaps people, drags them to a basement and then tortures them, uploading the images to a Web site. The more people who log on, the faster the victim dies. As the movie descends into the progressively more perverted territory, it begins to practice the very hypocrisy it condemns in its audience, engaging in the rancid voyeurism it pretends to abhor. (AH)

SWEENEY TODD: THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET (R, 116 minutes) With oceans of gore, rivers of luscious musicality and a brayura performance by Johnny Depp redolent of malevolence and magnetism, Tim Burton brings Stephen Sondheim's 1979 musical to the screen with a visual style informed by a truly cinematic feel for Grand Guignol. The added marvel is that the director has crafted a version of a stage musical that completely honors the source without being slavishly devoted to it. And although most of the voices Burton employs to interpret the operatic songs belong to actors rather than to singers, Sondheim's music some of the most exquisite he has ever composed — does not seem to suffer. PETER MARKS

WELCOME HOME ROSCOE JENKINS (PG-

13, 113 minutes) Martin Lawrence plays a narcissistic talk show host begrudgingly attending a family reunion and running afoul of country kin, old flames and a nasty rival. The latter would be Clyde (Cedric the Entertainer), a cousin-cum-adopted-brother who beat him in everything as a kid and even stole his sweetheart. For Lawrence, this movie (which includes James Earl Jones, Michael Clarke Duncan, Mike Epps and Mo'Nique) is the comedic equivalent of shooting catfish in a barrel. Lawrence just builds an ensemble of recognizably cliched archetypes, each more hackneyed than the next, and simply reacts amusinaly to them. (DT)

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WHICH IS IT: HURT OR FINE? On today's episode of "One Life to Live" (and again on Monday), Mary J. Blige will guest-star and sing her new songs "Hurt Again" and "Just Fine." If you miss them during the day, both shows repeat nightly on SOAPnet.

Television

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

MALE BONDING

The chief needs some time with the guys on **GREY'S ANATOMY** (8 p.m., ABC).

THE WOMAN SINGS LOUD

CELINE DION: THAT'S JUST THE WOMAN IN ME (9 p.m., CBS, Fri.) captures the Quebecois chanteuse in her first concert since completing her five-year run at a Las Vegas venue.

SCARRING MEMORIES

On **MONK** (9 p.m., USA, Fri.), Adrian goes a tad haywire when a burglary betrays clues reminiscent of the night his beloved wife was killed.

IS THERE A RIGHT END?

NBC expands LAS VEGAS (9 p.m., NBC, Fri.) to a two-hour episode in which Danny, Piper and Mitch find themselves on the wrong end of a hostage situation.

SHRINK THE SHRINK

Gina probes Paul's relationship with Laura on **IN TREATMENT** (9:30 p.m., HBO, Fri.).

ALL YOU NEED IS APE LOVE

Lone makes an anniversary visit to **ORANGUTAN ISLAND** (9:30 p.m., Animal Planet, Fri.).

THE ORANGE COUPLE

TRUE HOLLYWOOD STORY (6 p.m., E!, Sat.)



WHAT'S LEFT TO KNOW? All the Beckhams' remaining secrets are on E!.

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THROUGH THEIR EYES

AMC offers the basic-cable premiere of LETTERS FROM IWO JIMA (8 p.m., AMC, Sat.), the 2006 drama about the bloody Pacific battle told from the Japanese perspective.

BUSH DOCTOR

Dr. Sanjay Gupta looks at the role of the presidential doctor on **FIRST PATIENT** (8 p.m., CNN, Sat. and Sun.).

THE SAD GETS SADDER

After a Central Park slaying, fingers point to homeless gang members on LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT (9 p.m., NBC, Sat.).

SLAY, BUFFY, SLAY!

American exchange students (Sarah Michelle Gellar and Jason Behr) encounter wicked sprits in a Tokyo home in the 2004 shocker **THE GRUDGE** (9 p.m., Sci Fi, Sat.).

IRON LINING

The women-behind-bars movie **RACING FOR TIME** (9 p.m., Lifetime, Sat.) adds a theme of redemption to a grim tale of juvenile prisoners.

MIDDLE-AGED SPEED

The **DAYTONA 500** celebrates its 50th birthday (2 p.m., Fox, Sun.).

HOMIE LOVES MARGE

Stories of love on **THE SIMPSONS** (8 p.m., Fox, Sun.).

MR. DARCY!

A&E's version of **PRIDE AND PREJUDICE** continues on "Masterpiece Theatre" (9 p.m., PBS, Sun.).

THEY'RE WATCHING YOU

Templeton receives unwanted attention on **THE WIRE** (9 p.m., HBO, Sun.).

FAMILY AFFAIR

Nora and Sarah come to some hard decisions on **BROTHERS & SISTERS** (10 p.m., ABC, Sun.).



EASTWOOD PRODUCTION: Clint's "Letters From Iwo Jima" will air on AMC.

GRUESOME GREATNESS

Network viewers will find repeats of the Showtime drama **DEXTER** (10 p.m., CBS, Sun.) to be either one of the best shows on television or the most sadistic — or both. KEVIN MCDONOUGH I(UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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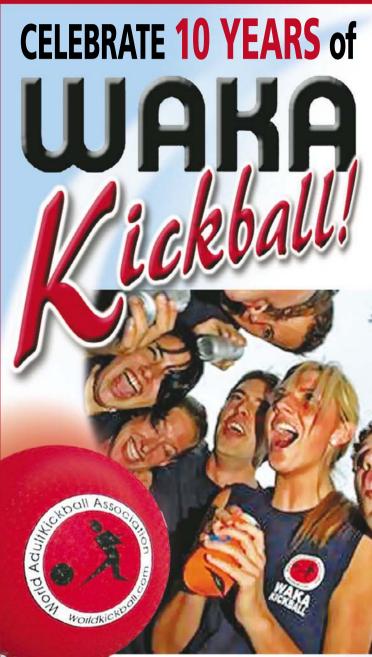
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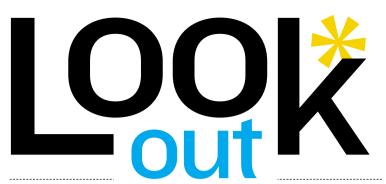


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Dogs

A Westminster win puts beagles back in the canine spotlight

When Uno the beagle got caught up in the excitement of his big win at Westminster Kennel Club, he reacted just as a beagle-lover would expect: with a joyful noise.

"That's their way of telling you they're happy," says Joan Kerr, who runs Penny Angel's Beagle Rescue in Ventnor, N.J. "They were originally bred as hunting dogs — if they see a rabbit or a bird or a squirrel, they'll bark."

Celebrating a rabbit, a bird, your homecoming from a day at work, or winning best in show: It's all one to a beagle. And for those who love them, their vocal antics are charming, says Christine Tartaro of Galloway, N.J., a volunteer with Kerr's rescue.

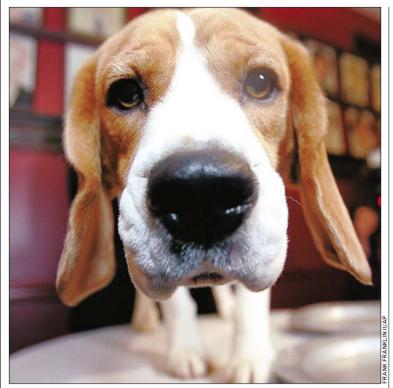
At gatherings of beagles and owners, "sometimes something sets them off, and all the people have to stop talking. We all think that's cute," she says.

Of course, not everyone agrees. So, if you're feeling inspired to get a beagle after watching the delightful

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TOP DOG: Uno won best in show at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show.

if not, Kerr says, an older dog is easier to train than a puppy.

You'll also get to skip the most destructive stage of chewing. "I had a beagle puppy who took out the entire carpet in the living room," recalls Tartaro.

If you do want a puppy, Kerr's rescue actually places quite a few, so don't rule out adoption.

But if you want to purchase a dog instead, do your research carefully. One sign of a good breeder is that they'll ask you as many questions about the home you can provide as you should ask them about the dog; they will not just hand a puppy over in exchange for a check.

And the most important question to ask: What happens if you can no longer keep your dog? The best breeders will say that they will take the dog back at any time in its life.

Either way, be prepared for a long commitment; a beagle's lifes-

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This makes them bad candidates for play at your local off-leash dog park unless it's very securely enclosed. And you need to be serious about fencing, as well. Escaping the yard again and again is one of the main reasons beagles are sur-

Uno become the first of his breed to

win best in show at the nation's big-

gest canine competition, there are

most popular breeds in the country.

Their compact size, easy grooming

and loving nature make them great

stubborn. As Kerr puts it, "Beagles

have a mind of their own. You have

to be one step ahead of a beagle all

scents that comes from their past as

hunters, and you can have a prob-

lem. "They're going to follow their

noses no matter what," says Tar-

taro - even if it means ignoring

Combine this with the focus on

the time."

your commands.

But they are also talkative and

companions for the right family.

Beagles are already one of the

some things you need to know.

rendered to Kerr's rescue.

"Even if you have a fenced yard, some will even dig under a fence and go," Tartaro warns.

All this means that sometimes owners find the dogs give them more than they bargained for: Kerr's organization rescues more than 300 beagles per year just in southern New Jersey.

If you want to adopt a beagle, Kerr encourages adopting an adult. Many adult dogs in rescue facilities are already house-trained, and even pan is 10 to 15 years. You may not be completely in charge, but you may love every minute of it.

"If you look into their eyes, you'll melt," says Tartaro. "I end up doing anything they want me to do. LINDA LOMBARDI (AP)

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MUSIC

Caps Lock Rock

The indie-pop buzz band CaUSE Co-MOTION! plays DC9 on Monday as part of its East Coast tour, and the band members were happy to talk with Meg Zamula about their songwriting. Things turned more circumspect when the quartet was asked about capitalization and its presidential endorsement. | COMING UP





Be All You Can Fake

The show "Extras" is all about stardom, striving and being conniving. It's also Ricky Gervais' latest foray into situation comedy since he created a little show called "The Office." Christopher Correa reviewed the new DVD collection "Extras: The Complete Series." | ONLINE NOW

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What makes one person liberal and another conservative? According to some neuroscientists, it's their genes - in part, at least. Not everyone's buying the research, of course. Dr. Andrea Bonior gives her take. | ONLINE NOW



comment board

The original idea

of Valentine's Day was lost long ago. We're no longer celebrating martyrdom and affection. We're celebrating consumerism ... and superficiality.'

COMMENTER JAXONWHOLE, WHO ADDED, "LOVE SHOULD BE CELEBRATED EVERY SIN-GLE DAY THAT YOU FEEL IT.



I don't have a valentine. If there are ladies out there looking for one for next year, let me know."

COMMENTER RICK, ON THE STATE OF HIS LOVE LIFE ON VALENTINE'S DAY, SADLY, WE DON'T HAVE ANY OF HIS CONTACT INFORMATION TO PASS ALONG, SORRY, GALS,



"I do not. Love is so much more than a Hallmark card, a box of chocolates, dinner or diamonds. It's also more than a marriage in a church or in front of a justice of the peace.'

COMMENTER ELSKER DIG SKAT, RESPONDING TO THURS-DAY'S POLL QUESTION, "DO YOU FEEL PRESSURED TO BE ROMANTIC BECAUSE IT'S VALENTINE'S DAY?"

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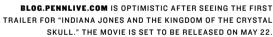


"Although it is only February, this is the second time this year that a celebrity used an obscene word on morning television."

NEWSBUSTERS.ORG, NOTING THAT JANE FONDA'S USE OF THE "C-WORD" ON THE "TODAY" SHOW TO DESCRIBE A FEMALE BODY PART COMES AFTER DIANE KEATON'S JAN. 15 "F-BOMB" ON "GMA."



"The 'Indiana Jones' trailer is now online, and, although not spectacular, it looks like Indy's fourth adventure is going to be entertaining."





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DCUNITEDBLOG.BLOGSPOT.COM, ON FENTY'S ADVOCATING THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO BUILD A NEW STADIUM FOR D.C UNITED AT POPLAR POINT.

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THESUPERFICIAL.COM, REACTING TO A REPORT THAT THE ROCKER, BETTER KNOWN FOR HIS SUBSTANCE ABUSE, IS APPEARING AT KIDS' PARTIES FOR \$200 A POP

Discussions

Steroids Rage

Washington Post staff writer BARRY SVRLUGA was online Thursday to discuss Roger Clemens' congressional testimony about the use of performance-enhancing drugs.



Did Clemens ever explain what he believes he supposedly said to Andy Pettitte in 1999?

He said that in 1999, he mentioned HGH in a conversation with Pettitte as it pertained to a television show or perhaps a newspaper article he had read in which aging men used it to stay more accurate. Pettitte's testimony, however, said that Clemens spoke of his own HGH use in 1999 or 2000, and that by 2005, Clemens had changed his story. Pettitte said he didn't believe the change in Clemens' story but didn't push his friend, because he didn't want to argue with him.

Do you think that Clemens will actually go forward with his defamation suit against McNamee? Wouldn't that just open him up to more charges of perjury?

His lawyers indicated that they would continue with that case. And if the lawyers were really concerned about perjury, you'd think they wouldn't have trotted him out in front of the committee.

Just to be contrarian here: What is wrong with HGH and other stuff?

There are people who believe in this, that folks should just be allowed to inject themselves with whatever they want, and the playing field would be level. The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform held a hearing Wednesday, however, in which medical experts testified that HGH and anabolic steroids can be very harmful.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS:

Post writers Eric Prishell and Camille Powell take your questions about college basketball at noon. washingtonpost.com/discussions



EXPERIENCE "THE AWAKENING." This is the last weekend to see the sculpture at its original location on the southern tip of Hains Point in Southwest Washington before it is moved to the National Harbor project in Prince George's County, Md. The sculpture will be moved on Wednesday.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro



Cornered | Mike Baldwin



"I guess I got a little carried away last night. Thanks for carrying me home."

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan











Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis

I'M SAD TODAY. SO I WAS



You stupid Pig! There's nothing WONDERFUL ABOUT A GUY WHO GOES AROUND BEGGING FOR COMPLIMENTS IT'S PATHETIC! NO ONE'S GONNA HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY.





The Duplex | Glenn McCoy







Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) This is no day for self-indulgence; moderation is the key to success and contentment throughout the day.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may feel as though you have too much time on your hands, but even when you are doing nothing, you can learn an important lesson or two.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You'll derive a great deal more pleasure from an endeavor that seemed, at first, to be nothing more than an obligation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're the only one who can make or break an endeavor. Don't make the mistake of passing the blame to those who are blameless.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The best way to give someone else some bad news is to be sensitive and patient — no matter what the response may be. Be a friend. CANCER (June 21-July 22) Though you are certainly interested in knowing what is affecting others, your immediate concerns are influences that affect you directly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You had better pace yourself, or you're likely to run out of fuel just when you have to make that final big push to the finish line.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may have reason to enjoy some private memories in the midst of a very busy day. The time will come for sharing your thoughts with a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your careful arrangements may have to change suddenly toward midday as a result of an unexpected development that is both positive and negative.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) External influences will be felt all day long, and you're going to have to make some quick adjustments throughout the day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Local events will have a startling effect on you, but there is much you can do to keep negative developments to a minimum.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Someone is going to have to be more open and honest with you — and you can encourage this by being sensitive and openminded.

Letters

Athletes Lose Credibility

IHAVE NO doubt that baseball great Roger Clemens is a liar — just like disgraced sprinter Marion Jones, disgraced quarterback Michael Vick and 2006 Tour de France cheater Floyd Landis were all proven to be liars ("Clemens Denies Drug Use Under Oath," Feb. 14). There is no sportsmanship in sports today.

These athletes have proven, again and again, they will sneak, cheat, manipulate and do whatever it takes to get ahead — no matter the rules, no matter the laws, no matter who gets hurt or let down.

> -SHARON FOSTER Alexandria, Va.

Clarification:

Express inadvertently omitted one of the places showing Oscar-nominated short films next week; the National Archives. Get more information on their free screenings at Archives.gov.

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Today in History

564 Astronomer Games. Galilei is born in Italy. Astronomer Galileo The U.S. battleship blows up in Havana Harbor, killing more than 260 people and bringing the United

States closer to war with Spain.

President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt escapes an assassination attempt in Miami that mortally wounds Chicago Mayor Anton J. Cermak, Gunman Giuseppe Zangarawas



Soviet troops leave Afghanistan in 1989.

executed more than four weeks later.

The Soviet Union 989 announces that the last of its troops have left Afghanistan, after more than nine years of intervention.



People



"I know the boss. He lives in the city!"

DEFENDER

Alito Swears to Protect the Unborn, People From N.J.

Supreme Court Justice SAMUEL ALITO Jr. has convicted "The Sopranos" of spreading stereotypes. During a visit to Rutgers University on Wednesday, Alito complained that the hit drama not only associated Italian-Americans with the Mafia, but New Jerseyans, too. (AP)

MISTAKE

Cyrus Sings a Few Songs, **Is Grouped With A-Listers**

The strike is off and the star power is on for the 80th annual Academy Awards. FOREST WHITAKER, HELEN MIRREN, JENNIFER HUDSON, MILEY CYRUS, GEORGE CLOONEY and NICOLE **KIDMAN** will be among the presenters at the Feb. 24 ceremony at the Kodak Theatre, Oscar officials announced Thursday. (AP)



WHOOPS!

Monosyllabic Slip

NBC is apologizing again — this time for JANE FONDA. The actress used a vulgar slang term on the "Today" show Thursday while talking about the play "The Vagina Monologues." Fonda said she was asked to perform a monologue with a slang term for vagina as the title. About 10 minutes later, co-host Meredith Vieira told viewers that "Today" and Fonda apologized for the remark. (AP)

NEW MAN

'From Now On, I'll Only Slander When Sober'

MEL GIBSON has

met the terms of his no-contest plea to misdemeanor drunken driving after his notorious 2006 arrest in which he made derogatory comments about Jews, a judge found Wednesday. Gibson will remain on probation for about 18 more months Gibson is ready to share without Wild Turkey.

but won't have to reportatSuperior Court again after a judge approved his progress. "Assum-

ing there is no violation on the terms of the probation, it will be finished at the end of 36 months," Deputy District Attorney Gina Satriano said outside court. (AP)

CONFUSION

Booze. Trans Fat Also Sweet

JOE JACKSON defends smoking and loves music. On the music side. he's just released his 24th album, "Rain," and is planning a world tour to promote it this spring. Jackson isn't a heavy smoker, but he has written op-ed pieces for the New



York Times and written an essay, "Smoke, Lies and the Nanny State." "We're really only hearing one side of it because the

anti-smoking movement is so powerful," he said. (AP)

RECOLLECTION

'I Vaguely Remember What **Poorness Feels Like. Cold?**

MADONNA recalled her struggle to break into show business on Wednesday as she presented her first effort as a movie director: "Filth and Wisdom." The singer-actress, follows three housemates in London who try to finance their dreams while in unfulfilling jobs. (AP)



Madge's kids sometimes play "poverty" by sleeping in heated tents on the lawn.

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5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area



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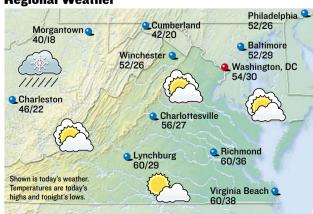


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Regional Weather



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Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, High 54. Wind southwest 7-14 mph. Tonight, variably cloudy. Low 30. Wind becoming north 10-20 mph.

Sun and Moon

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Woonser today 2.44 a.m.







World Cities

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Dallas	47/39/r	48/40/r	Buenos Aires	91/72/pc	90/72/p					
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Honolulu	79/65/s	79/66/s	Dublin	46/36/c	46/34/p					
Los Angeles	70/46/s	70/50/s	Geneva	50/33/s	50/32/9					
Miami	82/70/s	81/70/pc	Moscow	21/12/sn	16/0/sn					
New York City	48/28/pc	31/23/s	Rome	57/41/s	55/37/s					
Orlando	80/56/s	78/58/pc	Sydney	73/64/pc	73/64/s					
Seattle	50/39/sh	50/37/pc	Tokyo	45/32/s	45/36/9					

National Weather for Friday, February 15

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

Puzzles

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ACROSS

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- Hitchcock's window
- 15 Champagne
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- 16 Chutzpah
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- 20 "That's all right" 23 Casino roller
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- hit)
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- 33 Goddess in a
- chariot
- 34 Violin bow coating
- 36 Librarian's stamps
- 39 "What have I got

- to lose?"
- 42 Words with "bed" or "the dogs"
- 43 Duel tools
- 44 Before, in the
- beginning
- 45 Cut off in layers
- 47 "Bah!" 51 Freeway mishap
- 54 Afternoon break,
- perhaps of Good
- **Feelings**
- 57 "I'm not feeling
- it yet"
- 60 Euripides drama 63 Horsefly
- 64 What little things
- mean
- 65 Pro team's VIP 66 Heckle, in a way
- 67 South of the
- border coin 68 Lincoln trademark
- 69 Needle point? 70 Perfect place

DOWN

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- 2 Brave 3 Bacon order

- 4 Fertilizer compound
- 5 Sends junk e-mail 6 Pot that is not in
- the kitchen
- 7 Type of clef or horn 8 Complained about
- the steak?
- 9 Acquire, as debt 10 String quartet
- member
- 11 Anger 12 Gabor of "Green
- Acres" 13 Abbr. after a
- general's name, maybe
- 21 Bump off 22 Nervous as a cat 26 Lascivious glance
- 27 Brightly colored parrot
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- Harbor 35 Clog, as a drain 37 Syria's Zakariyah
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- 40 Super's apartment number, perhaps
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- 50 Like some
- destruction 52 Curled-lip look
- 53 Miser's stash 55 Apprehension
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SAMURAI SUDOKU | HARD

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits I through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

Last Week's Solution

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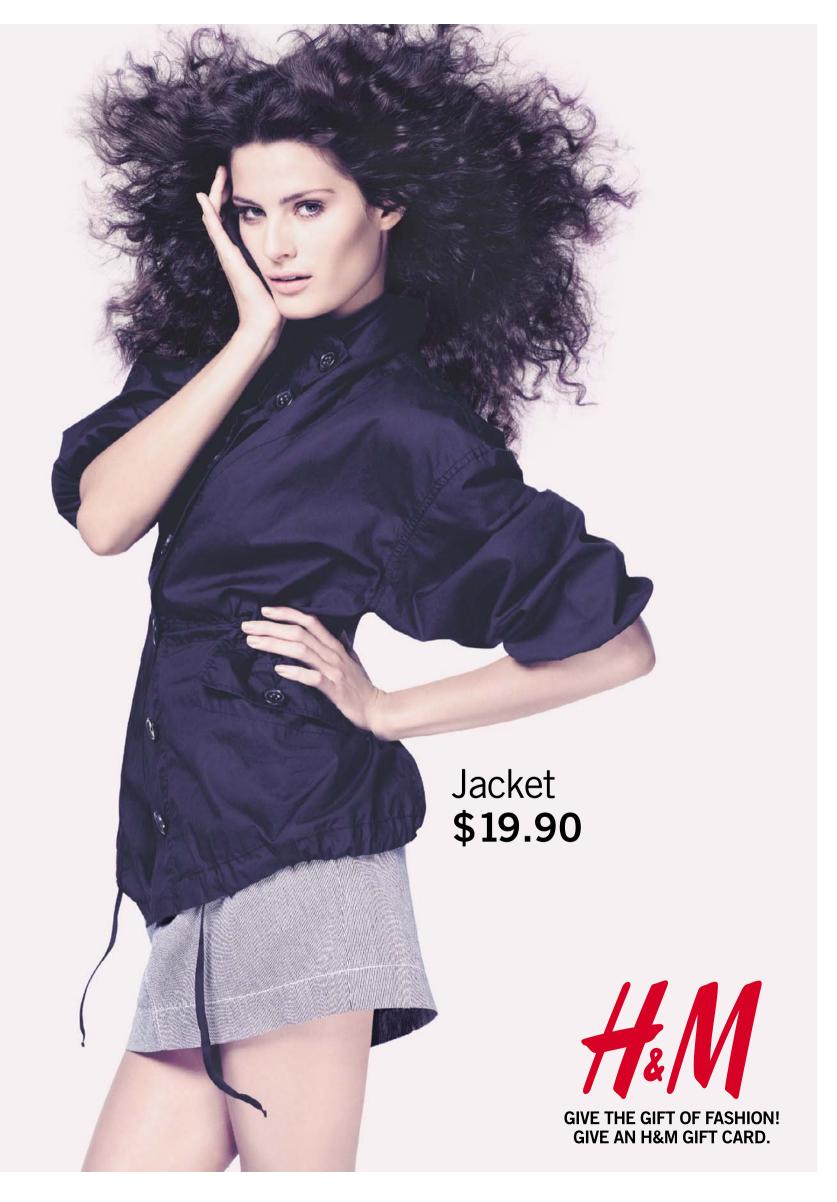
Yesterday's Solution

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Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits I through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

Need more Su|do|ku?

Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.



Vow Wow: Which nearly wed pair has the best tale of love? **E6**

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face time



Bertrand Chemel

2941 CHEF. SUPER H-MART FAN

• When Falls Church's 294I (2941 Fairview Park Drive; 703-270-1501) parted ways with founding chef Jonathan Krinn last year, foodies fretted that the foie gras and artisanal bread trail would go cold. But the restaurant found a promising replacement in the toque of Frenchborn, New York-tested Bertrand Chemel, who left Manhattan's Cafe Boulud to take over at the sleek Franco-American spot.

How are D.C. diners different from those in New York?

New Yorkers are always in a rush. But in Virginia, it seems like people are really into food and tasting menus. They aren't just coming in to have a meal.

Isn't that kind of how French people dine out?

Restaurants in Europe are so expen-

sive right now, that, yes, I think it's about the experience. I think meals are much cheaper these days in the States. Our tasting menu at 2941 starts at \$75, and in Paris, that's only the appetizer!

How would you describe your new menu at 2941?

It's French-American cooking that includes some Asian flavors.

"I always keep good chocolate, cheese and wine in my pantry at home."

Like at lunch, you might find some Vietnamese or Thai dishes, because I think those cuisines are interesting and have a lot of flavor.

The menu is full of things like gnocchi with truffles and maple-glazed pork. What's your favorite thing?

I love the braised beef. It's marinated in white wine overnight, then roasted and braised. It's what I used to eat as a child — only we add foie gras and black truffles. I also like our gnocchi.

When you go home to France, what's the first thing you do?

I go to the supermarket. The supermarkets in France are like three times better than even Citarella [a gourmet grocer] in New York. You can find 50 kinds of yogurt plus all kinds of cheese and charcuterie.

Have you found any grocery stores locally that you like?

I found this store here called Super H-Mart [10780 Lee Hwy., Falls Church] very close to the restaurant. I was shocked! They have really specific and specialized items. When I came here, I tried to order fresh abalone from all these suppliers. Then I went to that supermarket, and there it was!

What's in your fridge at home?

I always keep good chocolate, cheese and wine in my pantry at home. When I come home at night, it's very rare that I don't have one of them.

Which gadgets do you rely on for home cooking?

My Kitchen Aid mixer, because I can make pastries or pasta at home.

You have a young daughter. What do you fix for her?

I try to cook for her only fresh vegetables. When I was a kid, we used to have spinach in a can. Now I give her fresh spinach with salt and olive oil. I want to teach her what good produce is. Jennifer Barger (express)

goods Styles



Primary Seasoning

THIS ELECTION YEAR, voters have to make big choices - hunky young Dem, tough-guy Republican, that woman one cubicle over who's running as a Green. But political animal glass salt and pepper shakers (\$45 each, Uncommongoods.com) are sold individually, meaning you can order both a donkey and an elephant. Thus, you can remain on the fence, calmly seasoning your food while watching Wolf Blitzer wonk out about caucusing.

dear **manolo**

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

I've just been hired by a firm that specializes in "green design," and now I'm looking for a fabulous pair of shoes that won't have my co-workers denouncing me in office meetings. - MARTA

■ Manolo says, every revolution has its Jacobins, and while the Manolo is all in favor of taking care of the environment, he is more than the little suspicious of those committed fanatics who would crush our individuality under their free-range, all-natural,



hemp and raffia jackboots.

If you were to listen to them and be as strict as possible, you would have to give up the made-from-animals leather, the made-from-oil plastics, the made-from-rainforest rubber and the non-organically grown cotton and flax. All you would have to wear would be shoes made from reeds that you $had\ gathered\ yourself\ from\ along\ the$ riverbanks near your cave.

But you do not look good in bulrushes and cattails, and so you begin to compromise, and next thing you know, you're wearing thigh-high pirate boots fashioned by Chinese prisoners from the skins of pandas and civet cats.

There must be the happy medium, yes? Look, here are the cute and ecofriendly Baldaci Ballerina flat from Timberland (\$84, Zappos.com), made from the soft suede, environmentally raw materials and recycled yarns.



Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

ON THE COVER

Carolyn's Kitchen apron (\$44, Carolynskitchenonline.com). Photo by Marge Ely.

What, No Kiwi?

WE'D NEVER put geraniums in our green tea or roses on grapefruit. But such odd combos smell terrific in New Zealand's Nellie Tier lotions and potions (\$25-

\$34, Proper Topper, 1350 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-842-3055). A citrusy sugar scrub softened our scaly hide.









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Fabric Score HALTERS, SKIRTS, pillows and

curtains are among the mostly ingenious recycling ideas in "99 Ways to Cut, Sew, Tie & Rock Your Scarf" (\$20, Potter Craft). Bizarre "harem shorts" won't tempt us to sacrifice vintage kerchiefs, but cool knotted necklaces and sexy dresses seem worth

cutting and stitching for.

THE HOSS label comes from Barcelona,

home of colorful tapas, geometric Gaudi buildings and chicas who dress better

than many frumpy Americans. The edgy design

er coats, now at Betsey Fisher (1224 Connecticut

Ave. NW; 202-785-1975) boast wild, textured trim

on their necks or sleeves. They have groovy, Euro

house's circle-print frocks (\$245) and dust-

appeal, just like the town they came from.

Icing Storm

KEY LIME with chocolate. Red velvet with cream cheese frosting. There are 24 flavors of treats (\$2.75 each) sold at the new Georgetown Cupcake (1209 Potomac St.; 202-333-8448), so we're going to have to visit the sleek spot often - for research.

Party like it's 1959 (or '29) with retro cocktails, decor and food

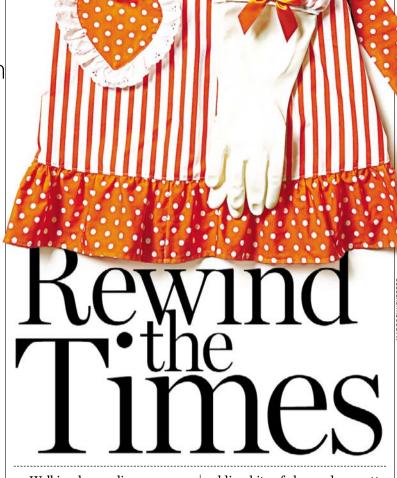
PICK UP "Real Simple" magazine or flip on the Food Network and ultra-contemporary, Flash Gordon-quick entertaining ideas appear faster than you can say "Rachael Ray." Sure, foam appetizers and locavore lunches are hip, but sometimes looking to the past, not the future, makes for a more welcoming, warm party. Donna Reed, June Cleaver and Grandma: Can we please see your recipe card boxes?

In the days before Evite and Trader Joe's microwaveable crab cakes, folks entertained in grand — and sometimes goofy — style. Think finger bowls on the table, gin fizzes in highball glasses and Beef Wellington on the menu. And while you may not want to resurrect Great-Aunt Ethel's recipe for Eggs in Aspic, partying like Lucy and Ricky (or F. Scott and Zelda) can be both retro and scrumptious.

"Dinner parties are a lost art," says chef Gillian Clark of Colorado Kitchen (5515 Colorado Ave. NW), whose homey Brightwood Park restaurant puts new twists on throwback dishes like fried chicken and pineapple upside-down cake.

For a fete that would rival a Kennedy-era White House dinner, start by digging through vintage cookbooks or visiting sites like Retro-housewife.com for how-tos on elegant chocolate soufflés and lobster thermidor. Or go for kitschy comfort foods like meatloaf or that pu-pu platter fave, crab rangoon dumplings. "Visit the library or used bookstore for books," says Bonnie Slotnick, owner of an antique cookbook shop bearing her name in New York City. "They can take you on a little trip. Look for one that speaks to you."

For a personal touch, trot out family recipes and heirloom serving pieces. Grandma's chocolate icebox cake just tastes better when served from one of her treasured china dessert platters.



Walking down culinary memory lane doesn't have to mean sticking with the same techniques found in decades-old issues of Better Homes and Gardens. "Retro can taste great when you use good ingredients," says Clark. That means canning the canned cream of mushroom soup in that green bean casserole and substituting a homemade stock.

Or take mac and cheese from TV-dinner boring to dinnerparty glam by replacing Velveeta with Emmenthal and Gruyere, and adding bits of chopped pancetta or shaved black truffles. Toasted brown-and-serve rolls can be gussied up with herbed butter or olive tapenade.

Need past-perfect finger foods? Try caviar-topped deviled eggs, or put a modern spin on pigs in a blanket by wrapping good sausages in filo dough and baking at 450 F for about 10 minutes.

And since downing cocktails was a big part of 20th-century parties, make like a "Thin Man" character



and greet pals at the door with a drink. "It was good form to have beverages waiting when guests arrived. A fun martini would be perfect," says Anna Post, greatgreat-granddaughter of etiquette goddess Emily Post and author of several manners books.

Seattle mixologist Ryan Magarian, who runs a "cocktail consulting" business, recommends mixing a Brown Derby, a potion created at Hollywood's ritzy Vendome Club in the '30s. "It is a fantastic, retro drink. I make it with Wild Turkey 101 Rye 101, clover honey syrup and fresh grapefruit juice," he says.

Old-school food and drink go

hand-in-hand with old customs like sending out — gasp! — snailmail invites. "When the mailbox is filled with bills and junk mail, receiving a real party invitation can be exciting," says Post. She likes Kate Spade's mod notes, and Hello! Lucky's (Hellolucky.com) letterpress cards set the tone with flappers or what seem to be 1960s debutants.

For a retro bash, dressing yourself up is almost as important as setting up your pad. That means a cocktail frock (maybe something black and lacy from the 1950s?) for gals — and at least a blazer for guys. "In the '50s, most women would be

BLASTS FROM THE PAST



Old cookbooks dish up many outmoded ideas: maids serving consomme, butlers taking people's mink overcoats, recipes for head cheese. But a few seem worth a look even today:

Cocktails are

little drinks made from people's screwy ideas of what tastes good or sounds better. They are usually invented during the middle stages of a beautiful glow."

-"TRADER VIC'S BARTENDER'S GUIDE," 1947

Make the party

a celebration of something
—your landlord's release
from jail, St. Vitus' Day, the
end of monsoon season.
Invitations just seem more
interesting if the party has a
raison d'etre."

-"HELEN GURLEY BROWN'S SIN-GLE GIRL'S COOKBOOK," 1969 "Arrange for live music, if you can afford it. If not, be sure you have put together a lively collection of records."

–"THE ENTERTAINING WOMAN'S COOKBOOK," 1972

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dressed long before the guests got there," says Post. "Wear your evening attire, but put on an apron to avoid splashing in the kitchen." For aprons that evoke "Leave It to Beaver," try Kitchenglam.com or Carolynskitchenonline.com.

If you have an old cocktail shaker or Fiestaware pitcher, now's the time to show it off. Or hit a vintage

"Tradition in food is lost to trends. Smells and flavors bring it back."

store like Millennium Decorative Arts (1528 U St. NW; 202-483-1218) or Good Eye (4918 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-244-8516) for kitschy highball glasses.

For tunes, if you don't have an old-fashioned record player and some vintage vinyl, put your iPod on a shuffle of Frank, Dean-O and other Rat Packers.

Throwing a sit-down shindig? "By all means, use place cards," Post recommends. "If you want to be more formal, use people's last names with their titles on them and arrange them boy, girl, boy, girl, with couples separated." A bonus: As the host, you can sit next to your crush or avoid spending dinner next to your pal's dull-as-tapioca girlfriend.

cocktail gating: A vintage martini shaker (buy one at Cocktailshakers.com or on eBay) gives a party a glam feel. And, of course, if you're trying to summon the time of Rockwell and "Rock Around the Clock," desserts can provide a sweet, sentimental finale. According to "The Emily Post Cookbook" (Funk & Wagnalls, 1951), "the usual formal dinner party dessert is ice cream, but it may equally well be meringues ... or a lattice-topped fruit pie." Whip up a pie yourself, or buy one from Baked & Wired (1052 Thomas Jefferson St. NW; 202-333-2500).

Or, be like Clark, and take a

Or, be like Clark, and take a cue from childhood. At her restaurant, she re-creates old-timey cupcakes some nights. "My favorite thing growing up was Drake's Ring Dings," she says. "I make mini chocolate cakes and fill them with ganache." If that's too Julia Childish for you, fill a silver tray with Twinkies or other store-bought sweets Mom would've forbidden.

Reviving dishes and dictates of the past is a little like settling in for a night of Turner Classic Movie flicks or old sitcom reruns — it's just tastier and more tangible. "Tradition in food is lost to trends," says Clark. "What can really wow are smells, flavors and textures that bring it back." Erin Hartigan



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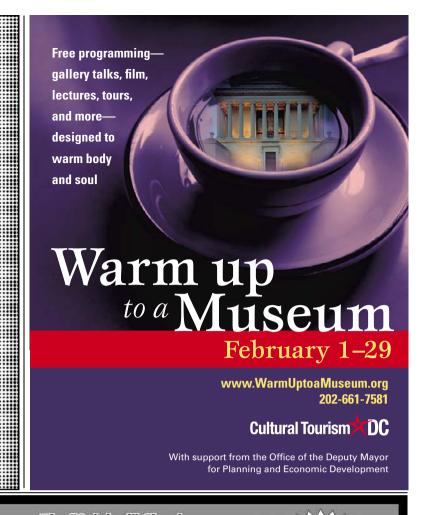
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- 1. HOW DID YOU MEET?
- 2. HOW DID HE PROPOSE?
- 3. DESCRIBE A TIME WHEN THINGS WERE TOUGH BUT YOU STAYED TOGETHER AND FORGED THROUGH.

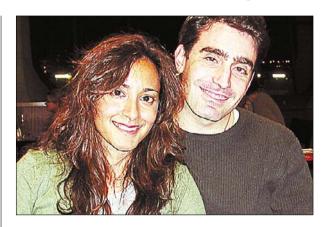
- **4.** IF YOU HAD TO MAKE A TV SHOW, MOVIE OR BOOK INTO THE THEME OF YOUR WEDDING, WHICH WOULD YOU CHOOSE AND WHY?
- **5.** YOU GET TO THE CHURCH ON YOUR WEDDING DAY AND THE ROOF HAS FALLEN IN. WHAT DO YOU DO?
- **6.** WOULD YOU RATHER MARRY IN A LIME-GREEN PROM ENSEMBLE FROM THE 1970S, OR INCLUDE ALL YOUR EXES IN THE WEDDING PARTY?



Katie Eberhard, 26 Kelvin Mulembe, 31

Katie and Kelvin will marry April 25, 2008, in Cleveland, Ohio.

- Katie was volunteering in Zambia, helping kids and communities devastated by the HIV/AIDS pandemic. She filled Kelvin's old position when he moved on to a similar organization. "We connected immediately, sharing the bond of concern for Zambian children, and we quickly learned we had much more in common than that. We are still constantly amazed by the way we can understand one another in a profound way, despite the difference in our cultural backgrounds."
- They had "no doubts we wanted to get married, but tough immigration restrictions made the future unclear." When they said goodbye at the Lusaka airport, they weren't sure when they'd see each other again. Six months later, Kelvin was able to visit D.C., where he proposed on the grounds of Brookland's Franciscan Monastery, a favorite spot of Katie's to pray and reflect. "He simply asked if I would spend my life with him." They haven't seen each other since July, but they'll reunite less than three weeks from today.
- He stress of a complicated visa process have all weighed on us. What gets us through is that we make sure to say 'I love you' every day, even if it's just a text message in the middle of the night."
- 4 "Oh, the Places You'll Go" by Dr. Seuss. "It captures the hope and excitement we have gained from our love and companionship. Being together has expanded our world in so many ways."
- 5 "If 8,000 miles of land and water couldn't stop us from getting married, certainly a collapsed roof would not get in our way"—they'd just take it to the parking lot.
- 6 "Lime green. What better way to set the mood for a festive occasion than a nod to a great era like the 1970s? That said, I think I'll still opt for the white dress!"



Amena Hassan, 33 Chris Hobson, 32

Amena and Chris will marry Aug. 9, 2008, in D.C.

- "When I saw her standing amid a klatch of mutual friends, the ceiling split open and a shining light rained down from above and I knew I'd met my life's great treasure. The moment our eyes met, I knew she'd just laid eyes on some dude in khakis."
- 2 "He proposed to me three times. The first was while I was falling asleep watching a Bollywood flick and the second was in his office when I was complaining about the first. The third time he gave me a piece of costume jewelry." "I only remember proposing once," says Chris. "I didn't have enough money to buy a proper ring, so I decided to get her a promise ring. I went to a super-pretentious store that sold only two types: gaudy and oh-my-gaudy. I'd barely gotten the words out when she burst out laughing."
- The main challenge for me has been his love of football," says Amena.
- 4 "'Aliens in America,' since the show is about a Pakistani exchange student. We'd like to hold the ceremony at the Textile Museum, which displays an array of rugs from India and Pakistan. My parents worked in textile mills in northern England when they first moved from Pakistan, which makes the venue meaningful to me."
- **5** "We'd go to the mosque instead," says Chris. "I'd just tell Chris to clear the rubble and get on with it," says Amena.
- 6 "I'd rather wear a blue sharkskin zoot suit with a poison-ivy boutonniere than have even one of my exes there," says Chris.

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Kristie Pope, 24 Darius Jackson, 24

Kristie and Darius will marry Sept. 20, 2008, in Baltimore.

Introduced by a friend, they chatted online, then by phone. Five days later, when they were first going to meet in person — at Kristie's birthday party — Darius called from the hospital, and Kristie realized how serious his diagnosis of multiple sclerosis was. "I curled myself up into a corner and cried. I couldn't understand how or why I felt so much compassion and sorrow for a man I had yet to meet face-to-face."

Kristie had taken a week off, and they'd planned a different outing for each day. And while they'd expected to marry eventually, Darius' proposal that week came as a surprise. He had Kristie's mom call her with a list of available wedding dates at their church. Darius began to argue with Kristie over the date. He was faking, but she didn't know it—at least, not until he got down on one knee.

"Darius continued to experience several exacerbations of MS and relied heavily on his family and me to help him through his illness. But we continue to live our lives as if all is normal. I'm often questioned about my decision to marry a man with a life-threatening illness, and I constantly remind friends and family that Darius is my soulmate and I was created in God's eyes for him."

4 "'Monday Night Football' ... Ravens versus Colts! Darius becomes a male cheerleader for the Colts and Kristie thinks Ray Lewis alone can win all the games."

6 "As much as I wanted to marry in the house of God, I'm sure our marriage would be equally blessed outside," says Kristie.

6 "Darius was already planning on the 1970s theme, but I had to divert his thoughts from that and the McDonald's catered reception and the groomsmen in basketball shorts."



Meredith Ritchie, 23 Ian Dodson, 22

Meredith and Ian will marry in May 2009 in D.C.

"We met at a bar in the District and exchanged terrible dance moves. It was a month before I headed to Kenya for a studyabroad program, but we stayed together and fell in love over long-distance phone calls. Shortly after I returned, Ian, a lance corporal in the Marine Corps, had to leave for California. That year, we'd save for months to see each other for two days." Ian was then deployed for six months to Iraq; when his stay was extended for three more, "that moment sucked the last breath out of both of us."

2 "While Ian was in Iraq, I spent many afternoons writing him letters on a bench by the Potomac River in Georgetown." After he returned, he proposed at that very bench.

The nine months lan was in Iraq were haunting. It was absolutely impossible to think of anything but his safety and wellbeing. As an infantryman, Ian was exposed to roadside bombs, rocket-propelled grenades, mortars and firefights. Days, weeks and sometimes months crept by with no contact. Letters and calls were full of mundane updates of the world stateside and quiet 'I love yous' to keep from bursting into tears. Nine months in an infantry war zone feels more like 20 years, and it's 20 years of hell. It's taught us that we can't take one another for granted, not even for a second."

4 "A Walk to Remember' by Nicholas Sparks. "It's a love story of obstacles and fulfilling dreams."

5 "We'd get married in the rubble. If thousands of miles and war can't stop us, a poorly constructed roof sure won't either."

6 "As a Jersey girl, I'd go for the lime green — in some parts of the country, it's stylish!



Amanda Salamone, 28 Jake Olcott, 28

Amanda and Jake will marry in May 2009 in D.C.

They met in high school in Northern Virginia — but they were just acquaintances. "She was on the dance team; I was on the debate team. Sort of says it all," says Jake. Four years later, a week after Amanda moved to New York for a job, her mother was killed in the terrorist attack on the Pentagon. The news reached Jake, who sent a card and flowers. Two years later, "I was looking for addresses to send Christmas cards and thought to look through the hundreds of cards I'd received after 9/11," says Amanda. "I still hadn't opened a lot of them. But I found one from an address in Texas that I didn't recognize and opened it out of curiosity." The card was from Jake. In the days that followed, his name kept popping up in random conversations, so Amanda decided to send him an e-mail.

For their first date, Jake met up with Amanda on the steps of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. He proposed at the same spot four years later.

In 2006, Amanda was thinking about getting her MBA at a school outside D.C., which would have meant I would have to leave my job or we'd have to do another two years of long distance. We realized that we wanted to stay here, together."

Amanda "would pick 'Gone with the Wind' for her love of mansions, big dresses, hats, sweet tea and fried okra."

5 "She would go into damage assessment mode and have a reasonable alternative in about five minutes. I'd spend the time telling her this is why we shouldn't have gotten married in a church."

6 Amanda has worked in advertising, and knows a bit about Photoshop: "You'd never know we wore lime green," she says.





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